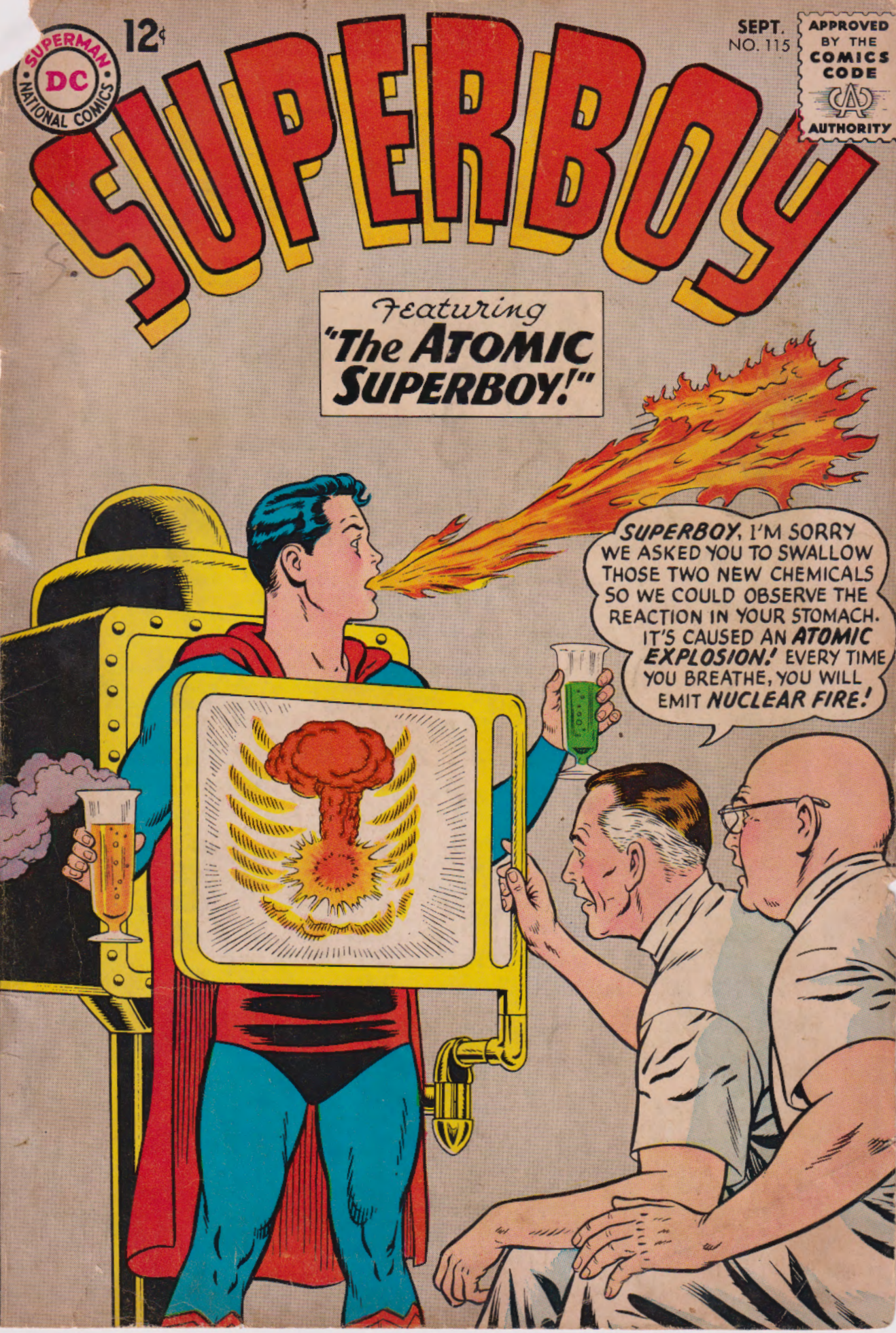
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SUPERBOY, I'M SORRY WE ASKED YOU TO SWALLOW THOSE TWO NEW CHEMICALS SO WE COULD OBSERVE THE REACTION IN YOUR STOMACH. IT'S CAUSED AN ATOMIC EXPLOSION! EVERY TIME YOU BREATHE, YOU WILL EMIT NUCLEAR FIRE!

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WHEN **SUPERBOY** TRIES TO DO SCIENCE A GOOD TURN, IT UNEXPECTEDLY CAUSES A TERRIBLE CHANGE IN HIM! AND THE **BOY OF STEEL**, WHO HAS ALWAYS BEEN FAMOUS AS THE FRIEND AND HELPER OF ALL PEOPLE, BECOMES A **DANGER** TO OTHERS, WHEN HE CHANGES INTO

The ATOMIC SUPERBOY!

I JUST WANTED TO SAY...OOOPS! I FORGOT AND OPENED MY MOUTH!

GET BACK, EVERYONE! WITH HIS FIERY BREATH, **SUPERBOY** CAN DESTROY US!

IN A GOVERNMENT LABORATORY, TWO NOTED SCIENTISTS FACE A BAFFLING PROBLEM...

MIXING THESE CHEMICALS SHOULD CREATE THE FIRST NUCLEAR BLAST IN HISTORY. SUCH A DISCOVERY COULD BE USED TO BENEFIT THE WORLD!

YES, PROFESSOR, BUT THE FORCE MIGHT BE TITANIC ENOUGH TO BLOW UP ALL EARTH! IF ONLY WE HAD SOME UNBREAKABLE CRUCIBLE TO TRY IT IN FIRST! WE STILL KNOW SO LITTLE OF ATOMIC REACTIONS!

WAIT! THERE'S ONE **INVULNERABLE** PERSON IN THE WORLD WHO COULD HELP US... **SUPERBOY!**

OF COURSE! WE'LL SEND A MESSAGE TO POLICE CHIEF PARKER IN SMALLVILLE, ASKING HIM TO CONTACT **SUPERBOY** FOR US!

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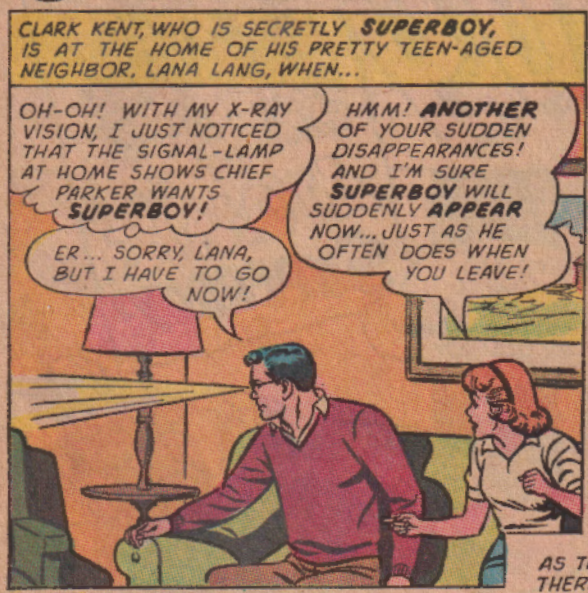
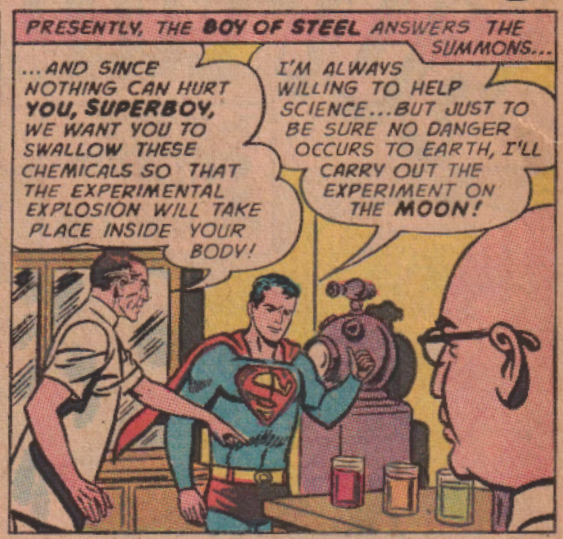
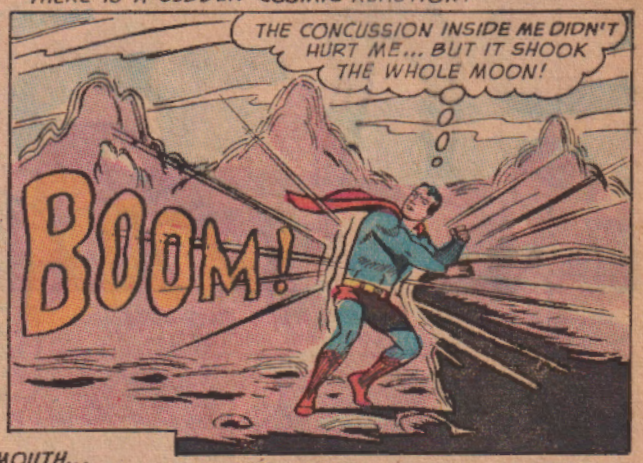
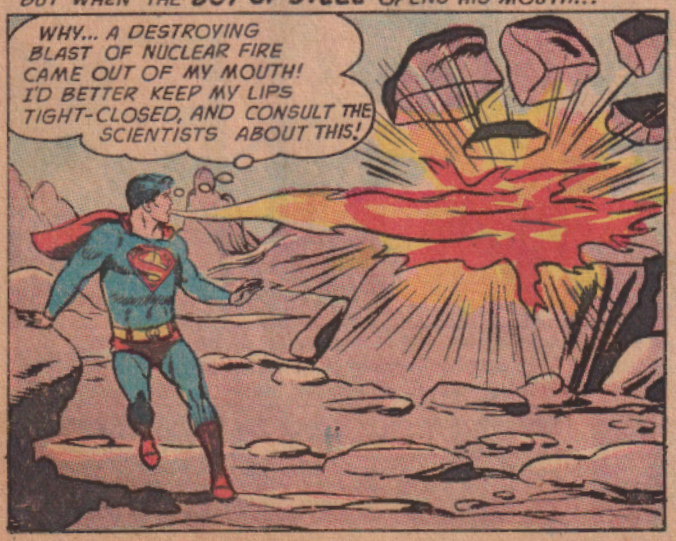


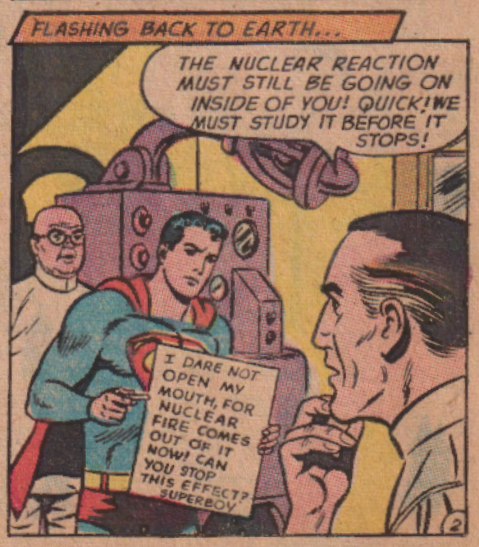


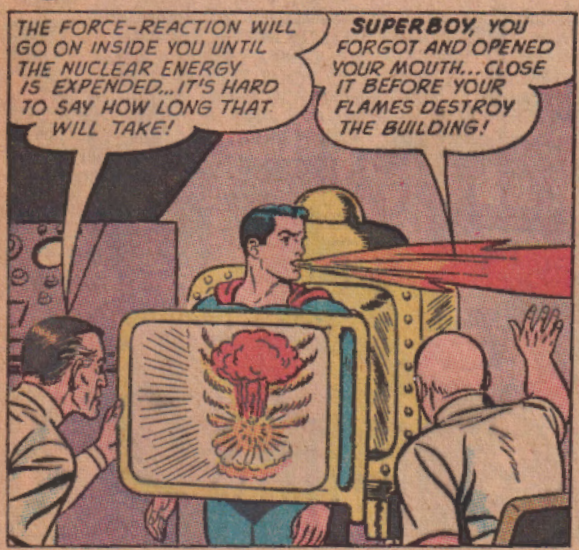
AS THE POTENT CHEMICALS COMBINE INSIDE SUPERBOY, THERE IS A SUDDEN COSMIC REACTION!

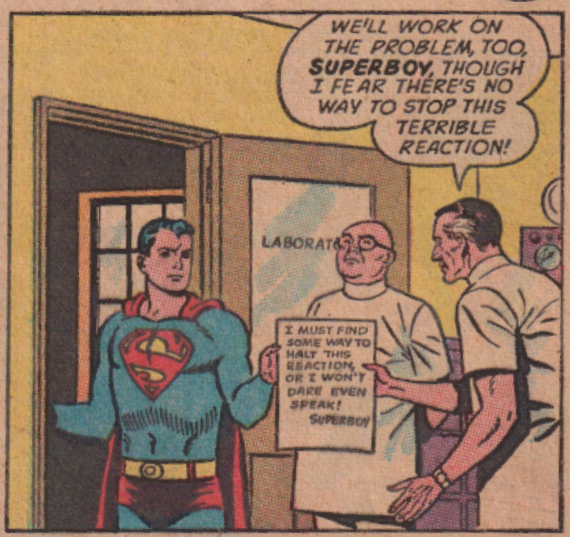


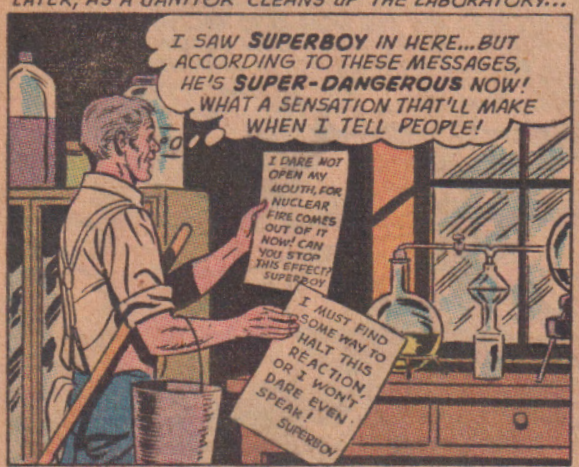
BUT WHEN THE BOY OF STEEL OPENS HIS MOUTH...






THE FORCE-REACTION WILL GO ON INSIDE YOU UNTIL THE NUCLEAR ENERGY IS EXPENDED...IT'S HARD TO SAY HOW LONG THAT WILL TAKE!
SUPERBOY, YOU FORGOT AND OPENED YOUR MOUTH...CLOSE IT BEFORE YOUR FLAMES DESTROY THE BUILDING!


WE'LL WORK ON THE PROBLEM, TOO, SUPERBOY, THOUGH I FEAR THERE'S NO WAY TO STOP THIS TERRIBLE REACTION!
I MUST FIND SOME WAY TO HALT THIS REACTION, OR I WON'T DARE EVEN SPEAK! SUPERBOY


LATER, AS A JANITOR CLEANS UP THE LABORATORY...
I SAW SUPERBOY IN HERE...BUT ACCORDING TO THESE MESSAGES, HE'S SUPER-DANGEROUS NOW! WHAT A SENSATION THAT'LL MAKE WHEN I TELL PEOPLE!
I DARE NOT OPEN MY MOUTH, FOR NUCLEAR FIRE COMES OUT OF IT NOW! CAN YOU STOP THIS EFFECT? SUPERBOY
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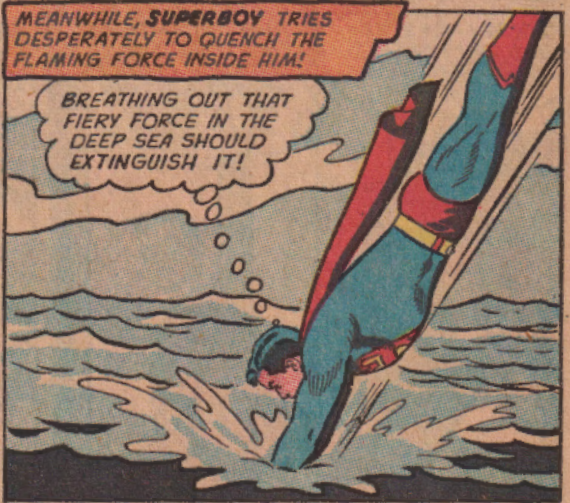
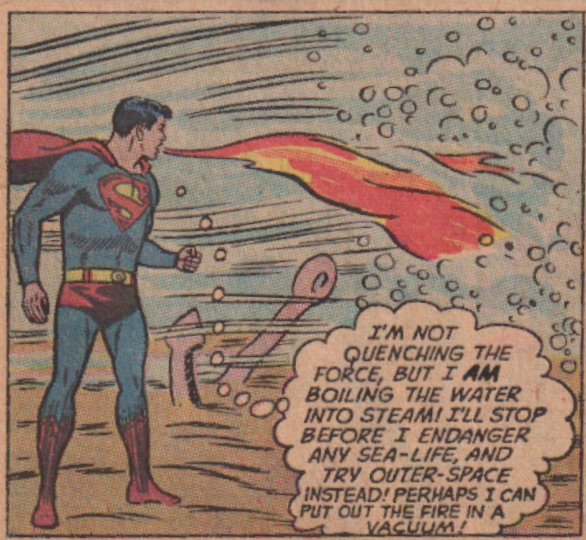
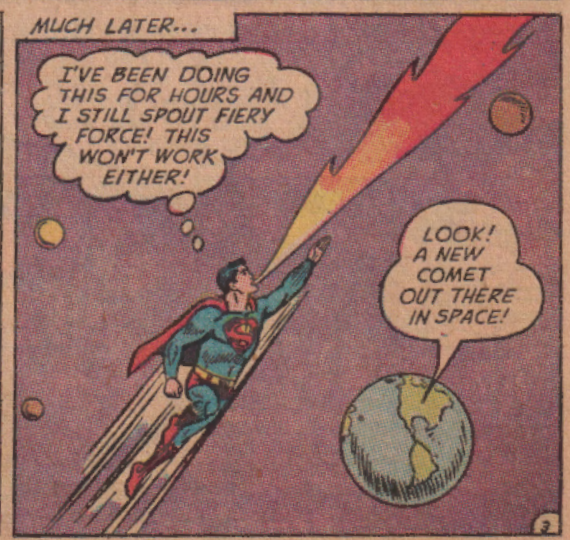

MEANWHILE, SUPERBOY TRIES DESPERATELY TO QUENCH THE FLAMING FORCE INSIDE HIM!
BREATHING OUT THAT FIERY FORCE IN THE DEEP SEA SHOULD EXTINGUISH IT!


I'M NOT QUENCHING THE FORCE, BUT I AM BOILING THE WATER INTO STEAM! I'LL STOP BEFORE I ENDANGER ANY SEA-LIFE, AND TRY OUTER-SPACE INSTEAD! PERHAPS I CAN PUT OUT THE FIRE IN A VACUUM!


MUCH LATER...
I'VE BEEN DOING THIS FOR HOURS AND I STILL SPOUT FIERY FORCE! THIS WON'T WORK EITHER!
LOOK! A NEW COMET OUT THERE IN SPACE!

A WORRIED SUPERBOY RETURNS TO EARTH!..
I'VE GOT TO REPORT TO SCHOOL AS CLARK KENT, OR LANA LANG'S SUSPICIONS WILL BE AROUSED... BUT I SURE WON'T DARE OPEN MY MOUTH!
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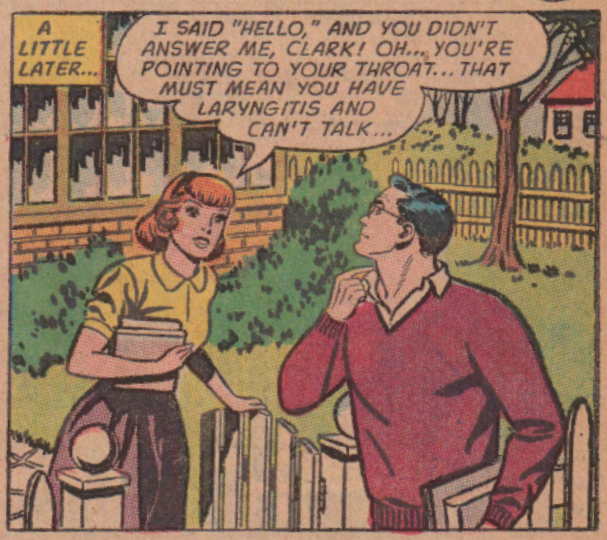
A LITTLE LATER...
I SAID "HELLO," AND YOU DIDN'T ANSWER ME, CLARK! OH... YOU'RE POINTING TO YOUR THROAT... THAT MUST MEAN YOU HAVE LARYNGITIS AND CAN'T TALK...

SINCE LANA SAYS YOU CAN'T SPEAK, YOU'RE EXCUSED TODAY, CLARK!
THANK GOODNESS... THAT'LL GIVE ME ANOTHER CHANCE TO TRY GETTING MY INTERIOR FIRES DOUSED!
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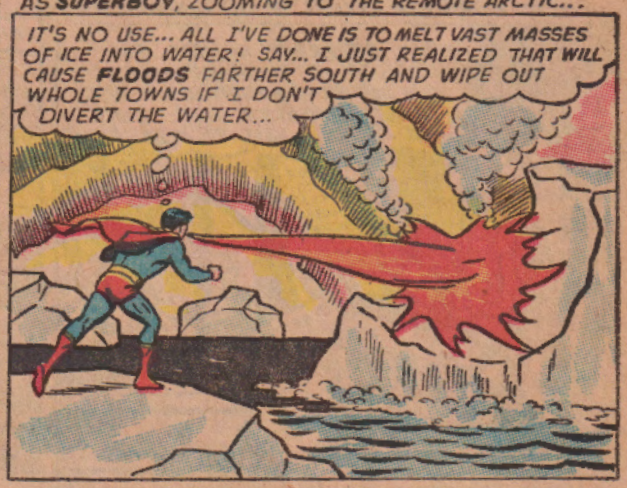
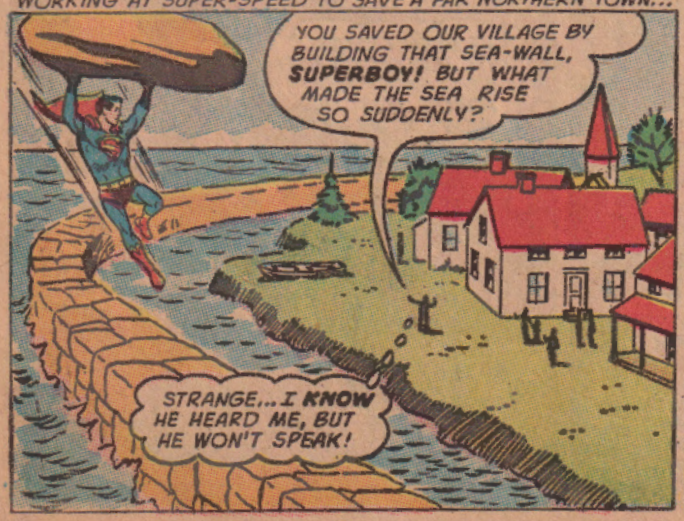
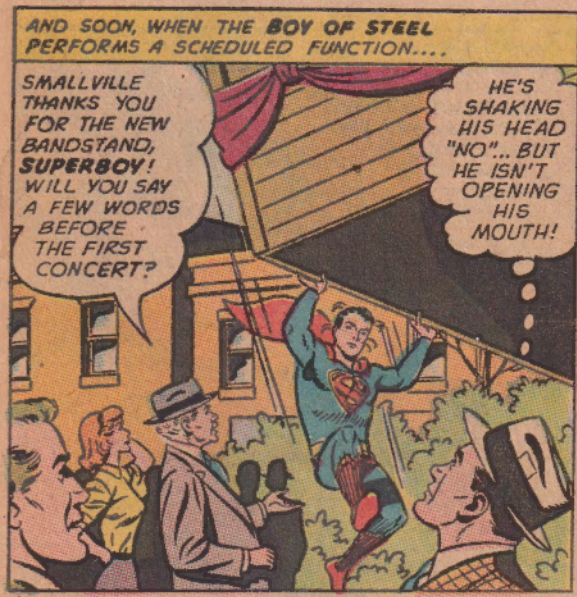
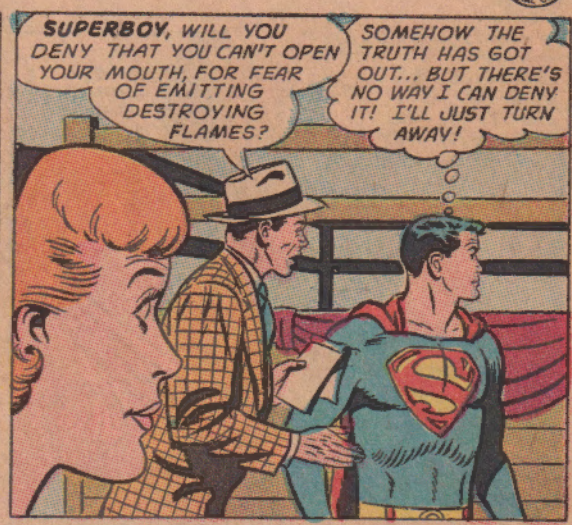

AS SUPERBOY, ZOOMING TO THE REMOTE ARCTIC...
IT'S NO USE... ALL I'VE DONE IS TO MELT VAST MASSES OF ICE INTO WATER! SAY... I JUST REALIZED THAT WILL CAUSE FLOODS FARTHER SOUTH AND WIPE OUT WHOLE TOWNS IF I DON'T DIVERT THE WATER...


WORKING AT SUPER-SPEED TO SAVE A FAR NORTHERN TOWN...
YOU SAVED OUR VILLAGE BY BUILDING THAT SEA-WALL, SUPERBOY! BUT WHAT MADE THE SEA RISE SO SUDDENLY?
STRANGE... I KNOW HE HEARD ME, BUT HE WON'T SPEAK!

SOON, AN ALERT NEWSPAPER REPORTER PUTS TWO AND TWO TOGETHER...
THIS JANITOR'S STORY THAT SUPERBOY CAN'T SPEAK WITHOUT EMITTING FLAMES ...AND THIS STORY FROM UP NORTH THAT HE WOULDN'T OPEN HIS MOUTH... THEY MAY TIE UP!
GET TO SMALLVILLE AND FIND OUT FOR YOURSELF!


AND SOON, WHEN THE BOY OF STEEL PERFORMS A SCHEDULED FUNCTION....
SMALLVILLE THANKS YOU FOR THE NEW BANDSTAND, SUPERBOY! WILL YOU SAY A FEW WORDS BEFORE THE FIRST CONCERT?
HE'S SHAKING HIS HEAD "NO"... BUT HE ISN'T OPENING HIS MOUTH!

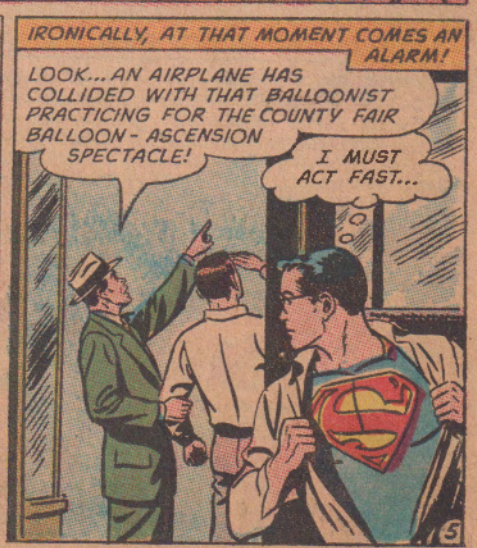

SUPERBOY, WILL YOU DENY THAT YOU CAN'T OPEN YOUR MOUTH, FOR FEAR OF EMITTING DESTROYING FLAMES?
SOMEHOW THE TRUTH HAS GOT OUT... BUT THERE'S NO WAY I CAN DENY IT! I'LL JUST TURN AWAY!

SO YOU, TOO, CAN'T SPEAK, SUPERBOY! THAT'S VERY INTERESTING! BECAUSE CLARK CAN'T SPEAK, EITHER!
THAT DOES IT! LANA'S ON MY BACK AGAIN WITH HER SUSPICIONS!

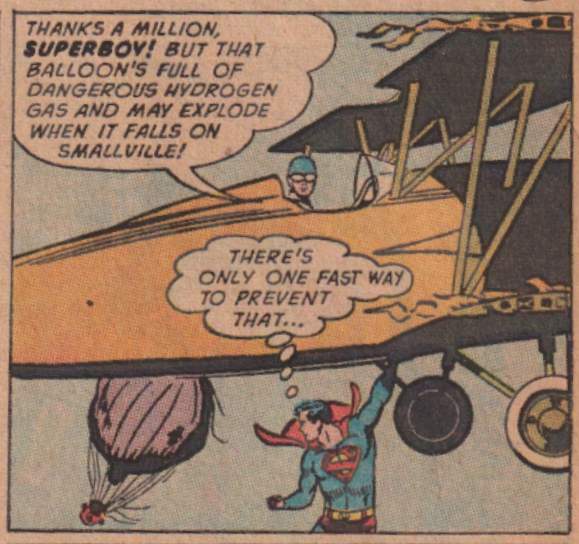
LATER, HELPING OUT AS CLARK KENT IN HIS FATHER'S STORE...
I KNEW LANA WOULD SOON RUN ME DOWN... I RECOGNIZE THE SOUND OF HER FOOTSTEPS!
HI, CLARK! I JUST WANTED TO ASK YOU HOW YOUR LARYNGITIS IS! SUPERBOY CAN'T SPEAK, EITHER!

I DON'T HAVE ANY LARYNGITIS NOW, SINCE YOU ASK! BUT I'M SO TIRED OF YOUR SUSPICIONS I'M SUPERBOY, THAT I'M NOT GOING TO SPEAK TO YOU AGAIN UNTIL YOU GET OVER THEM!

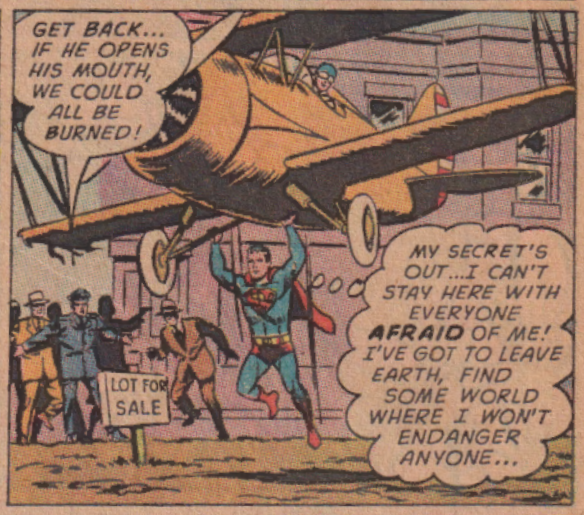
I WAS SO SURE... YET HE DID SPEAK TO ME...
I FOOLED HER FOR THE MOMENT. BUT CAN I CONTINUE TO KEEP MY CONDITION SECRET UNTIL I'VE GOT RID OF IT?

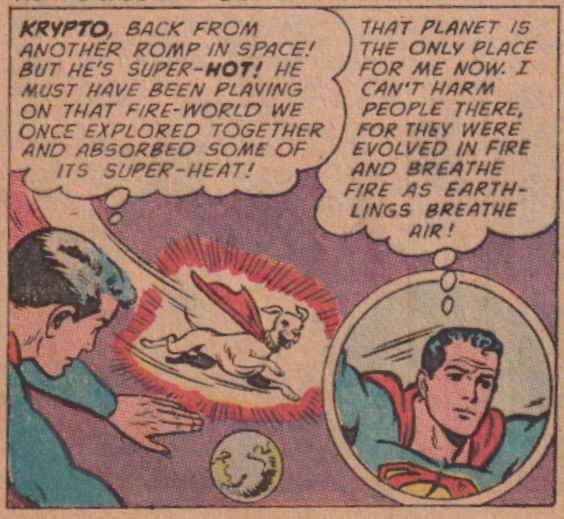

IRONICALLY, AT THAT MOMENT COMES AN ALARM!
LOOK... AN AIRPLANE HAS COLLIDED WITH THAT BALLOONIST PRACTICING FOR THE COUNTY FAIR BALLOON-ASCENSION SPECTACLE!
I MUST ACT FAST...

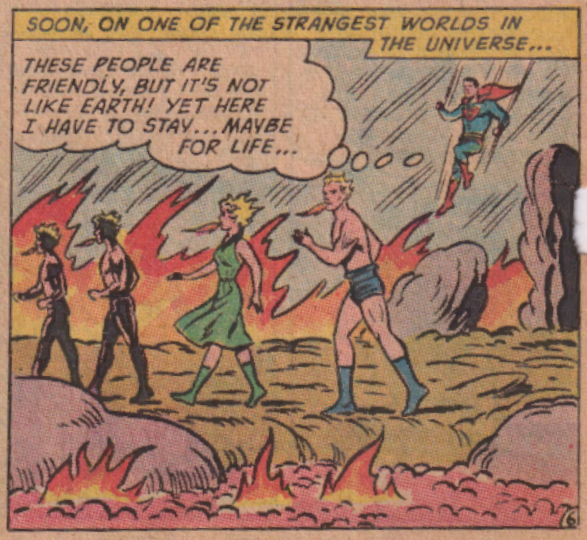
A SPLIT-SECOND LATER...
THE BALLOONIST JUMPED TO SAFETY IN HIS PARACHUTE...BUT THAT PLANE IS WRECKED AND WILL FALL...

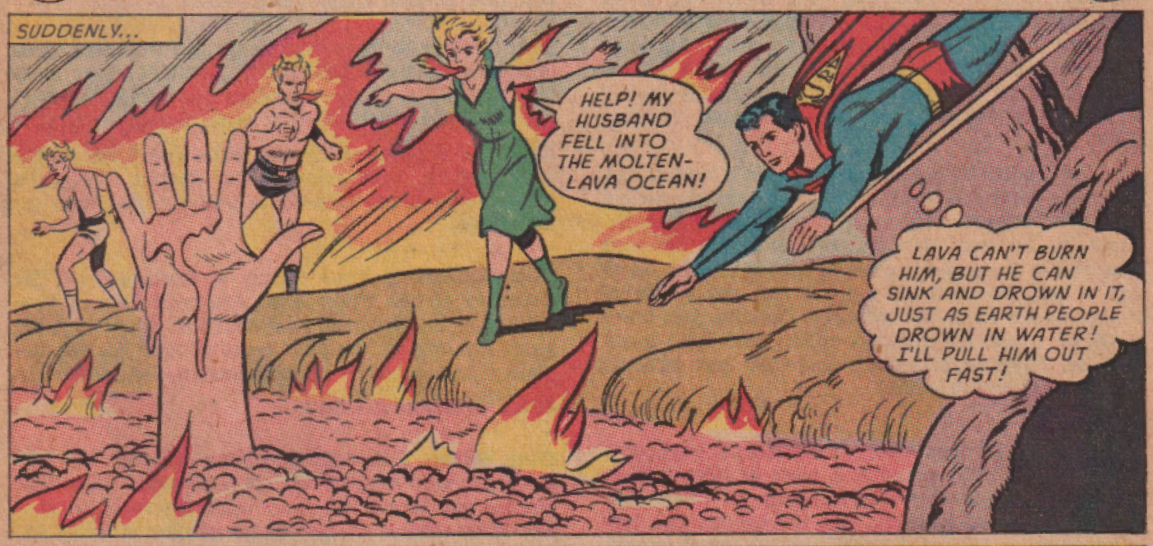

THANKS A MILLION, SUPERBOY! BUT THAT BALLOON'S FULL OF DANGEROUS HYDROGEN GAS AND MAY EXPLODE WHEN IT FALLS ON SMALLVILLE!
THERE'S ONLY ONE FAST WAY TO PREVENT THAT...

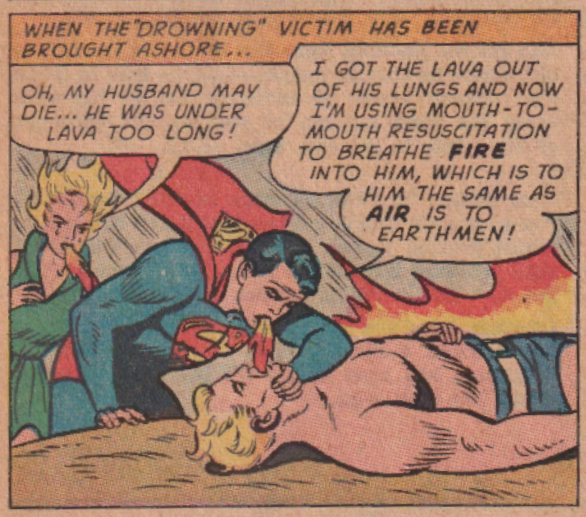
...AND THAT'S TO BURN THE HYDROGEN-FILLED BALLOON SAFELY UP HERE!
LOOK! THAT NEWSPAPER RUMOR IS TRUE! WHEN SUPERBOY OPENS HIS MOUTH, FIRE FLAMES OUT!

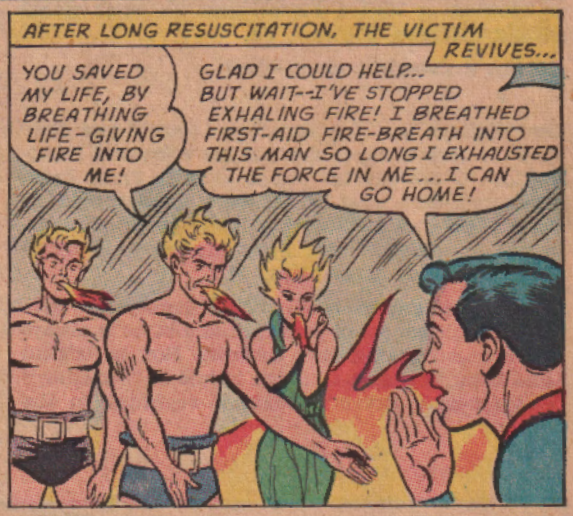

GET BACK... IF HE OPENS HIS MOUTH, WE COULD ALL BE BURNED!
LOT FOR SALE
MY SECRET'S OUT...I CAN'T STAY HERE WITH EVERYONE AFRAID OF ME! I'VE GOT TO LEAVE EARTH, FIND SOME WORLD WHERE I WON'T ENDANGER ANYONE...

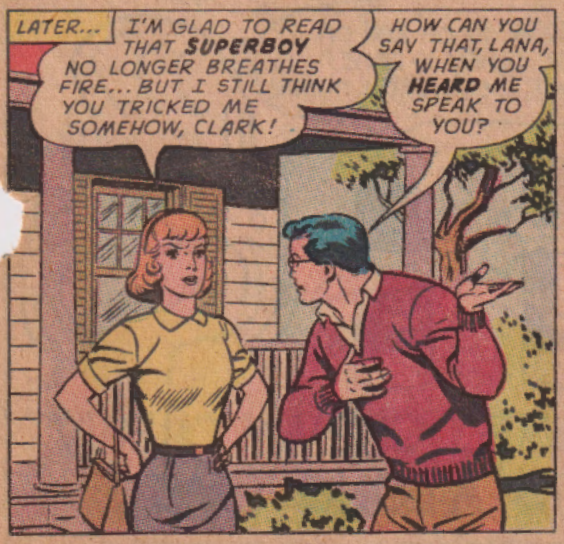

AS THE SADDENED BOY OF STEEL LEAVES EARTH...
KRYPTO, BACK FROM ANOTHER ROMP IN SPACE! BUT HE'S SUPER-HOT! HE MUST HAVE BEEN PLAYING ON THAT FIRE-WORLD WE ONCE EXPLORED TOGETHER AND ABSORBED SOME OF ITS SUPER-HEAT!
THAT PLANET IS THE ONLY PLACE FOR ME NOW. I CAN'T HARM PEOPLE THERE, FOR THEY WERE EVOLVED IN FIRE AND BREATHE FIRE AS EARTHLINGS BREATHE AIR!


SOON, ON ONE OF THE STRANGEST WORLDS IN THE UNIVERSE...
THESE PEOPLE ARE FRIENDLY, BUT IT'S NOT LIKE EARTH! YET HERE I HAVE TO STAY...MAYBE FOR LIFE...


SUDDENLY...
HELP! MY HUSBAND FELL INTO THE MOLTEN-LAVA OCEAN!
LAVA CAN'T BURN HIM, BUT HE CAN SINK AND DROWN IN IT, JUST AS EARTH PEOPLE DROWN IN WATER! I'LL PULL HIM OUT FAST!


WHEN THE "DROWNING" VICTIM HAS BEEN BROUGHT ASHORE...
OH, MY HUSBAND MAY DIE... HE WAS UNDER LAVA TOO LONG!
I GOT THE LAVA OUT OF HIS LUNGS AND NOW I'M USING MOUTH-TO-MOUTH RESUSCITATION TO BREATHE FIRE INTO HIM, WHICH IS TO HIM THE SAME AS AIR IS TO EARTHMEN!


AFTER LONG RESUSCITATION, THE VICTIM REVIVES...
YOU SAVED MY LIFE, BY BREATHING LIFE-GIVING FIRE INTO ME!
GLAD I COULD HELP... BUT WAIT--I'VE STOPPED EXHALING FIRE! I BREATHED FIRST-AID FIRE-BREATH INTO THIS MAN SO LONG I EXHAUSTED THE FORCE IN ME...I CAN GO HOME!


LATER...
I'M GLAD TO READ THAT SUPERBOY NO LONGER BREATHES FIRE... BUT I STILL THINK YOU TRICKED ME SOMEHOW, CLARK!
HOW CAN YOU SAY THAT, LANA, WHEN YOU HEARD ME SPEAK TO YOU?

"LUCKILY, SHE DOESN'T KNOW I FOOLED HER BY USING SUPER-VENTRILOQUISM!"
...AND I'M SO TIRED OF YOUR SUPERBOY-SUSPICIONS, I'M NOT GOING TO SPEAK TO YOU AGAIN UNTIL YOU GET OVER THEM!
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SUPERBOY... EITHER YOU PUT ME IN THE PHANTOM ZONE OR I'LL DROP CHIEF PARKER!

IS DAK-EL CRAZY? ONLY THE MOST VICIOUS KRYPTONIAN CRIMINALS ARE EXILED TO THE AWFUL PHANTOM ZONE AS PUNISHMENT... AND HE'S ASKING FOR IT!

AS EVERYONE KNOWS, THE VILLAINS WHO DWELL IN THE PHANTOM ZONE WILL USE ANY POSSIBLE SCHEME TO ESCAPE FROM THAT STRANGE TWILIGHT DIMENSION. BUT ONE DAY, BY CHANCE, ONE OF THEM DOES ESCAPE--ONLY TO INSIST THAT SUPERBOY RETURN HIM TO THE ZONE! WHAT MOTIVE LIES BEHIND THE STRANGE DEMAND OF... The PHANTOM ZONE Fugitive!

ONE DAY, AS SUPERBOY IS SUMMONED TO A SEISMOGRAPHIC LAB OUTSIDE SMALLVILLE...

... AND SO, ACCORDING TO OUR CALCULATIONS, A DEVASTATING SEAQUAKE WILL OCCUR AT NOON, AUGUST 18TH, NEAR ST. JACQUES ISLAND!

BUT THE ST. JACQUES VOLCANO MIGHT BECOME ACTIVATED BY THIS QUAKE!

EXACTLY WHY WE NEED YOUR HELP, SUPERBOY! IF THAT VOLCANO ERUPTS, WE WANT YOU TO FLY INTO THE CRATER AND STUDY THE CATACLYSM AT CLOSE RANGE! YOUR OBSERVATIONS WILL PROVE INVALUABLE!

YOU CAN COUNT ON ME, GENTLEMEN! I'LL BE THERE!

THREE WEEKS LATER, ON AUGUST 18TH...

THERE IT GOES... **TWO** EXPLOSIONS! HMMM... IT'S A GOOD THING THE LAST INHABITANT WAS EVACUATED A WEEK AGO!

YOU BET! LAVA WILL SOON SWEEP OVER THE ISLAND... AND **ME!** BUT DON'T WORRY- I'LL ENJOY A HOT BATH WITH THE FIERY CRATER AS MY BATHTUB!

BAROOM

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THE SCIENTISTS WANT ME TO MAKE A MENTAL PHOTOGRAPH OF THE SHIFTING SUBTERRANEAN LAYERS WHICH CAUSED THIS VOLCANO TO BOIL UP LIKE A HUGE CAULDRON!

INSIDE THE BLAZING INFERNO...

THE TEMPERATURE HERE MUST BE 3000 DEGREES FAHRENHEIT, BUT IT DOESN'T EVEN MAKE ME SWEAT!

PRESENTLY, **THE BOY OF STEEL** EMERGES AS **THE BOY OF LAVA!**

HMMM... CAN'T LAND ON THE SHIP LIKE THIS! I'LL GET RID OF THE FIERY MATTER BY PUTTING ON A BURST OF **SUPER-SPEED!** IT CAN'T HARM MY INDESTRUCTIBLE COSTUME!

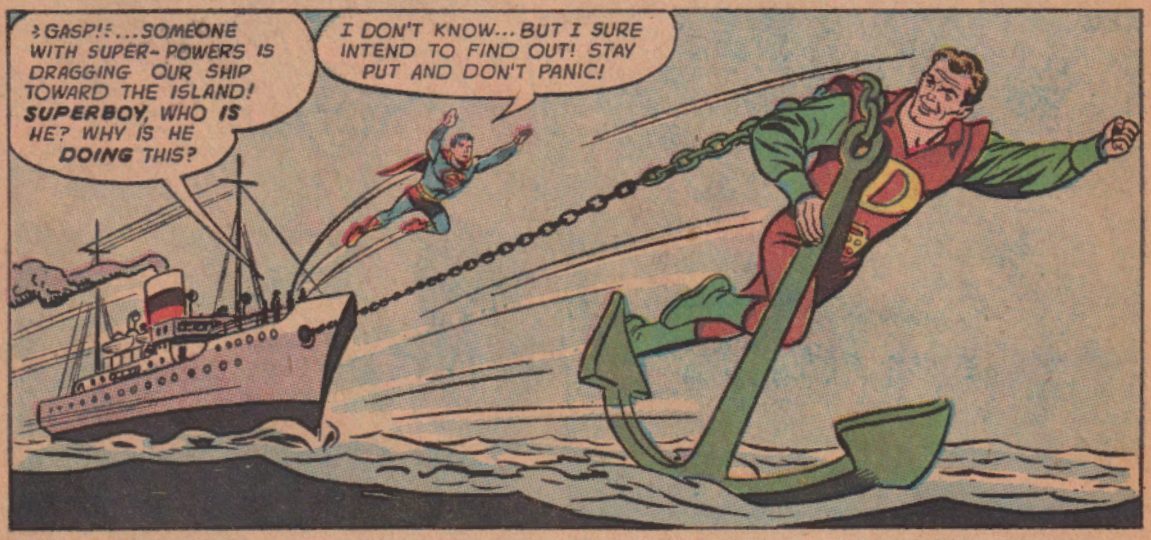
THERE! THE STUFF'S ALL BURNED OFF THROUGH **SUPER-FRICTION!** NOW TO MAKE MY REPORT TO THE SEISMOLOGIC EXPERTS!

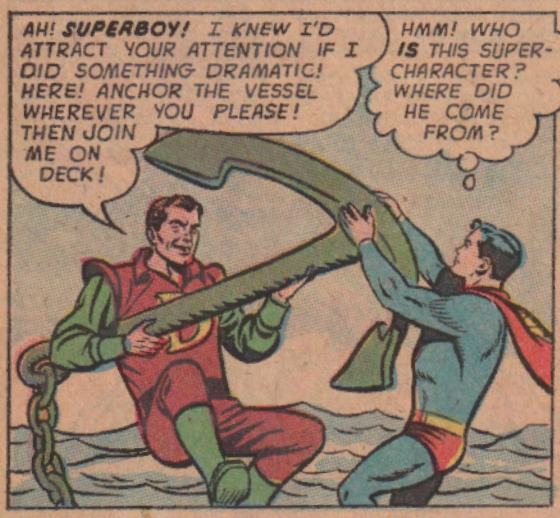
SHORTLY, HOWEVER, AS **SUPERBOY** SUMS UP HIS OBSERVATIONS...

HEY! THE SHIP'S **MOVING!**

IMPOSSIBLE! SHE'S ANCHORED!

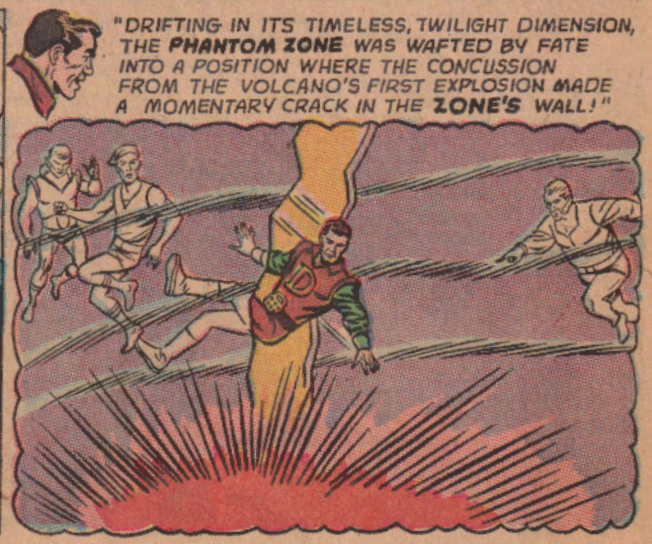
WELL, SHE'S **UN**ANCHORED NOW! LOOK!

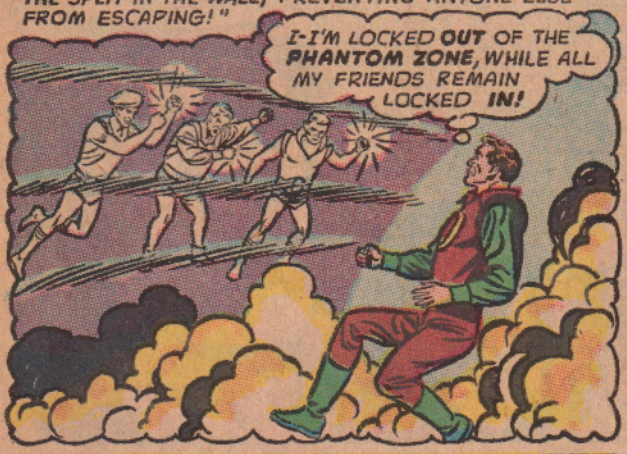

GASP!... SOMEONE WITH SUPER-POWERS IS DRAGGING OUR SHIP TOWARD THE ISLAND! SUPERBOY, WHO IS HE? WHY IS HE DOING THIS?
I DON'T KNOW... BUT I SURE INTEND TO FIND OUT! STAY PUT AND DON'T PANIC!


AH! SUPERBOY! I KNEW I'D ATTRACT YOUR ATTENTION IF I DID SOMETHING DRAMATIC! HERE! ANCHOR THE VESSEL WHEREVER YOU PLEASE! THEN JOIN ME ON DECK!
HMM! WHO IS THIS SUPER-CHARACTER? WHERE DID HE COME FROM?

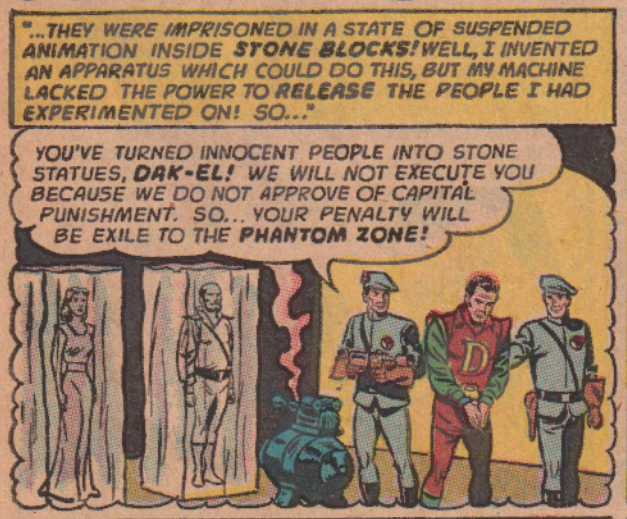
SOON, AFTER SUPERBOY RE-STATIONS THE BOAT...
WOULD YOU KINDLY ASK YOUR SCIENTIST FRIENDS TO WITHDRAW? WHAT I HAVE TO TELL YOU MUST BE SAID IN STRICTEST PRIVACY! BESIDES, I CAN'T STAND THEIR GAWKING AT ME!
GENTLEMEN...
OF COURSE, SUPERBOY! WE'LL LEAVE YOU ALONE!

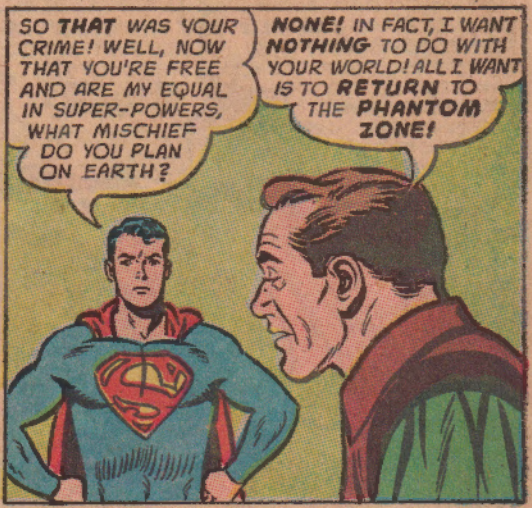
I'LL EXPLAIN! MY NAME IS DAK-EL! I WAS BORN ON KRYPTON, BUT I WAS SENTENCED TO THE PHANTOM ZONE FOR MY CRIMES! HOWEVER, THANKS TO THAT VOLCANIC ERUPTION JUST NOW, I WAS LITERALLY "BLOWN OUT" OF THE PHANTOM ZONE!
W-WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

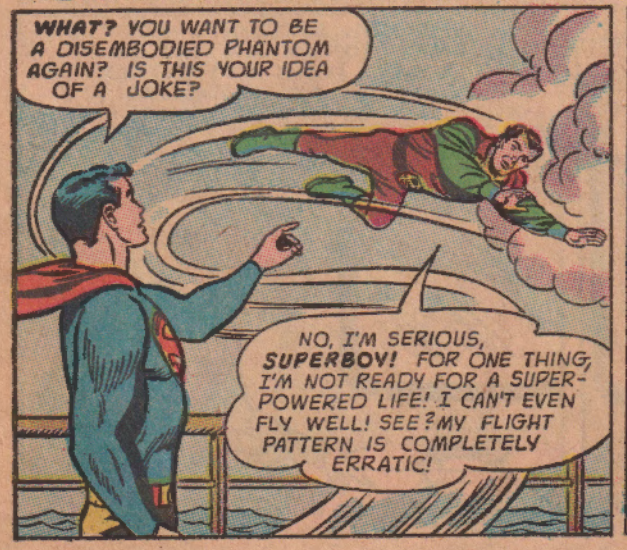

"DRIFTING IN ITS TIMELESS, TWILIGHT DIMENSION, THE PHANTOM ZONE WAS WAFTED BY FATE INTO A POSITION WHERE THE CONCUSSION FROM THE VOLCANO'S FIRST EXPLOSION MADE A MOMENTARY CRACK IN THE ZONE'S WALL!"


"BEFORE I KNEW WHAT WAS HAPPENING, A PRESSURE DRAFT HAD SUCKED ME OUT INTO THE REAL WORLD! BUT MOMENTS LATER, A SECOND EXPLOSION SEALED THE SPLIT IN THE WALL, PREVENTING ANYONE ELSE FROM ESCAPING!"
I-I'M LOCKED OUT OF THE PHANTOM ZONE, WHILE ALL MY FRIENDS REMAIN LOCKED IN!

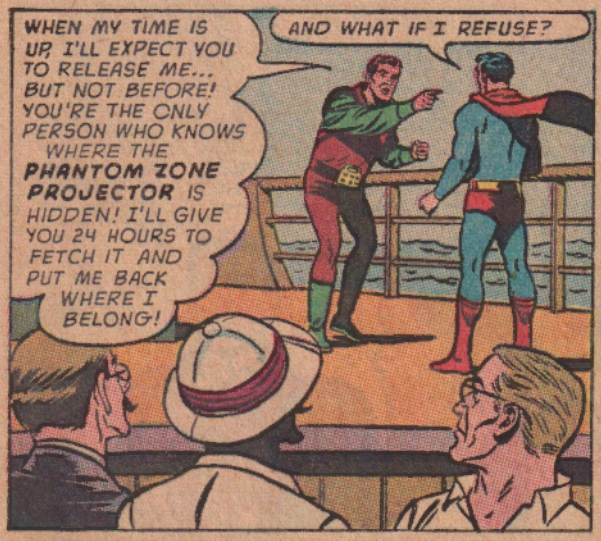
YOUR "FRIENDS", EH? A NICE WORD FOR THE WORST VILLAINS IN HISTORY! WHAT CRIME DID YOU COMMIT ON KRYPTON WHICH LED TO YOUR BANISHMENT IN THE PHANTOM ZONE?
I UNDERTOOK A FORBIDDEN EXPERIMENT! YOU SEE, I HEARD THAT CRIMINALS IN SOME OTHER DIMENSIONAL WORLD WERE PUNISHED IN A UNIQUE WAY... PUT INTO A SORT OF "STONE ZONE!"

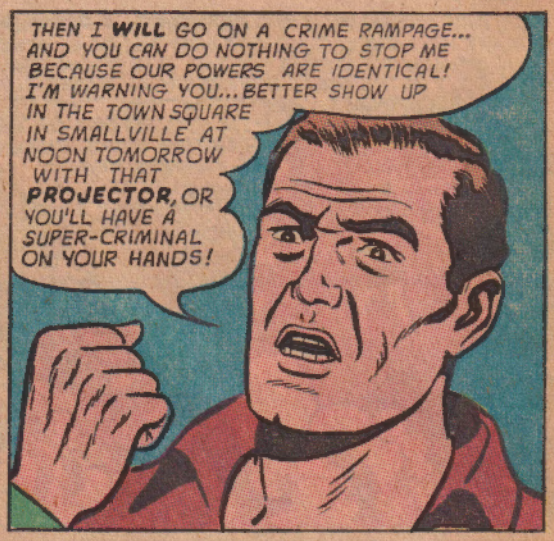

"...THEY WERE IMPRISONED IN A STATE OF SUSPENDED ANIMATION INSIDE STONE BLOCKS! WELL, I INVENTED AN APPARATUS WHICH COULD DO THIS, BUT MY MACHINE LACKED THE POWER TO RELEASE THE PEOPLE I HAD EXPERIMENTED ON! SO..."
YOU'VE TURNED INNOCENT PEOPLE INTO STONE STATUES, DAK-EL! WE WILL NOT EXECUTE YOU BECAUSE WE DO NOT APPROVE OF CAPITAL PUNISHMENT. SO... YOUR PENALTY WILL BE EXILE TO THE PHANTOM ZONE!

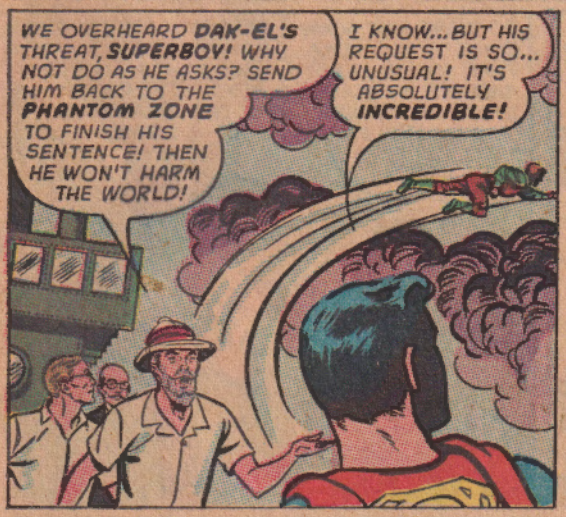

SO THAT WAS YOUR CRIME! WELL, NOW THAT YOU'RE FREE AND ARE MY EQUAL IN SUPER-POWERS, WHAT MISCHIEF DO YOU PLAN ON EARTH?
NONE! IN FACT, I WANT NOTHING TO DO WITH YOUR WORLD! ALL I WANT IS TO RETURN TO THE PHANTOM ZONE!

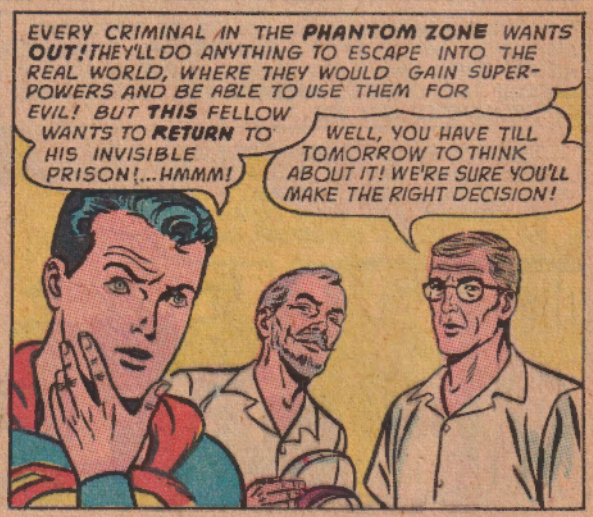

WHAT? YOU WANT TO BE A DISEMBODIED PHANTOM AGAIN? IS THIS YOUR IDEA OF A JOKE?
NO, I'M SERIOUS, SUPERBOY! FOR ONE THING, I'M NOT READY FOR A SUPER-POWERED LIFE! I CAN'T EVEN FLY WELL! SEE? MY FLIGHT PATTERN IS COMPLETELY ERRATIC!

NONSENSE! YOU'LL LEARN TO USE YOUR SUPER-POWERS GRADUALLY, AS I DID!
EVEN SO, I MUST RETURN TO THE PHANTOM ZONE! YOU SEE, I LEARNED MY LESSON! I COMMITTED A CRIME ON KRYPTON WHICH I WANT TO PAY FOR IN FULL! TWO YEARS OF MY SENTENCE REMAIN AND I INTEND TO SERVE THEM! I DO NOT WANT TO BE BRANDED AS A FUGITIVE FROM JUSTICE!
THUMP!

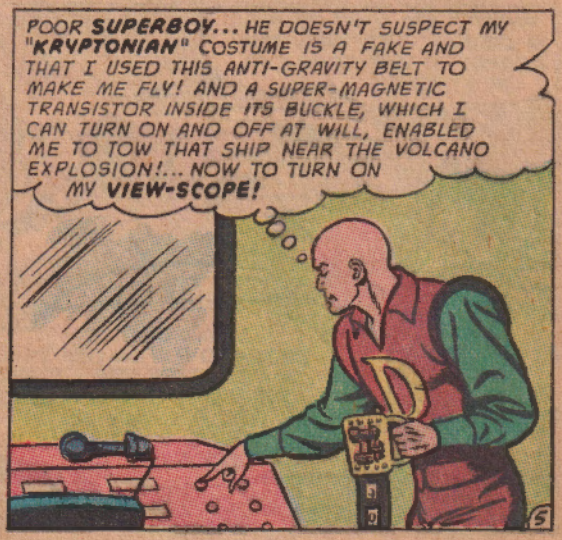


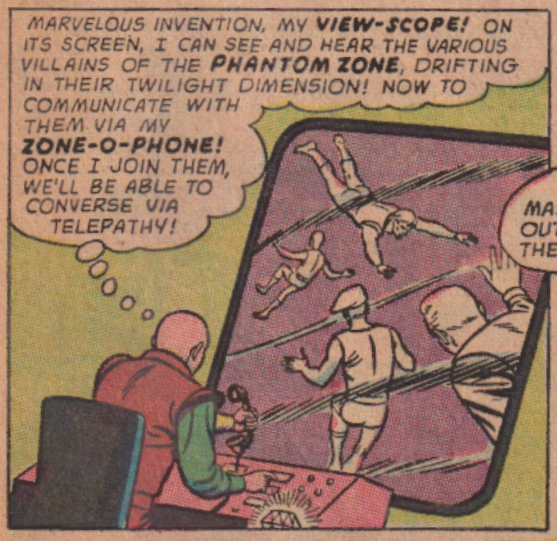


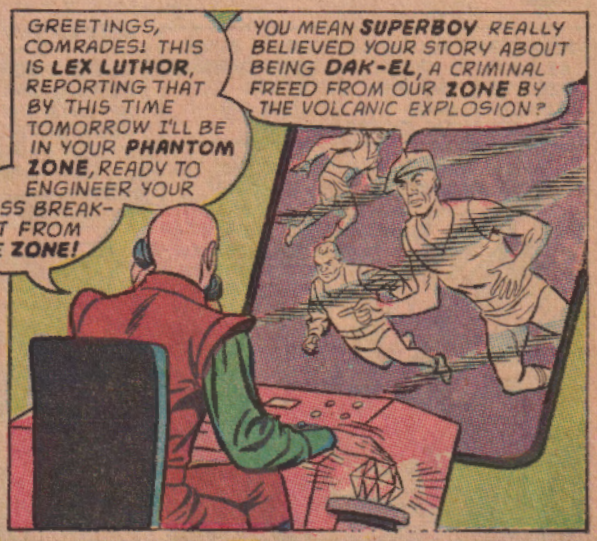


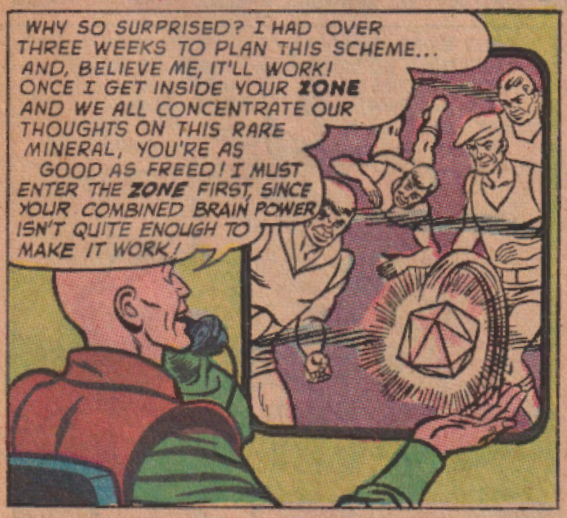


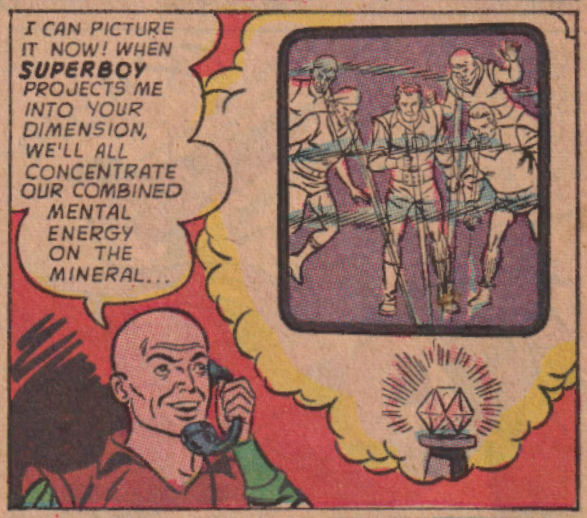
SHORTLY AFTER, IN A STRANGE LABORATORY...

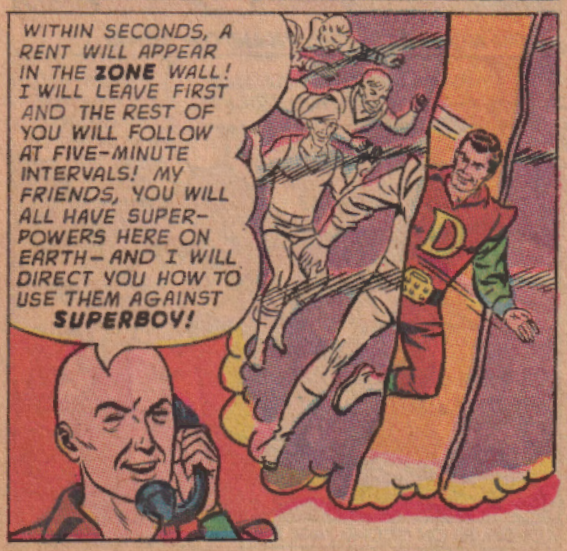


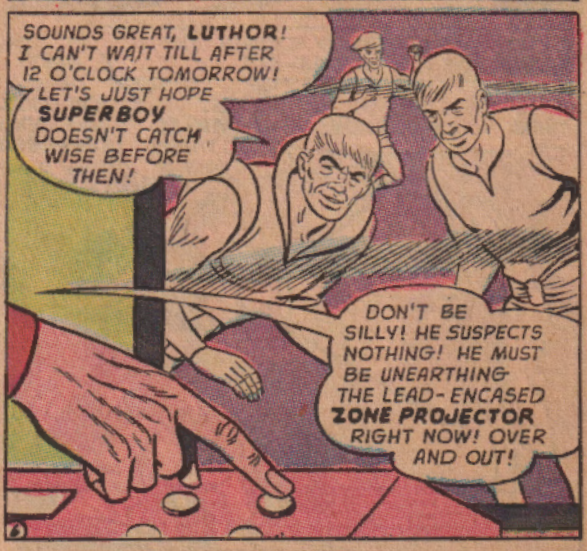

MARVELOUS INVENTION, MY VIEW-SCOPE! ON ITS SCREEN, I CAN SEE AND HEAR THE VARIOUS VILLAINS OF THE PHANTOM ZONE, DRIFTING IN THEIR TWILIGHT DIMENSION! NOW TO COMMUNICATE WITH THEM VIA MY ZONE-O-PHONE! ONCE I JOIN THEM, WE'LL BE ABLE TO CONVERSE VIA TELEPATHY!


GREETINGS, COMRADES! THIS IS LEX LUTHOR, REPORTING THAT BY THIS TIME TOMORROW I'LL BE IN YOUR PHANTOM ZONE, READY TO ENGINEER YOUR MASS BREAK-OUT FROM THE ZONE!
YOU MEAN SUPERBOY REALLY BELIEVED YOUR STORY ABOUT BEING DAK-EL, A CRIMINAL FREED FROM OUR ZONE BY THE VOLCANIC EXPLOSION?


WHY SO SURPRISED? I HAD OVER THREE WEEKS TO PLAN THIS SCHEME... AND, BELIEVE ME, IT'LL WORK! ONCE I GET INSIDE YOUR ZONE AND WE ALL CONCENTRATE OUR THOUGHTS ON THIS RARE MINERAL, YOU'RE AS GOOD AS FREED! I MUST ENTER THE ZONE FIRST, SINCE YOUR COMBINED BRAIN POWER ISN'T QUITE ENOUGH TO MAKE IT WORK!


I CAN PICTURE IT NOW! WHEN SUPERBOY PROJECTS ME INTO YOUR DIMENSION, WE'LL ALL CONCENTRATE OUR COMBINED MENTAL ENERGY ON THE MINERAL...


WITHIN SECONDS, A RENT WILL APPEAR IN THE ZONE WALL! I WILL LEAVE FIRST AND THE REST OF YOU WILL FOLLOW AT FIVE-MINUTE INTERVALS! MY FRIENDS, YOU WILL ALL HAVE SUPER-POWERS HERE ON EARTH—AND I WILL DIRECT YOU HOW TO USE THEM AGAINST SUPERBOY!


SOUNDS GREAT, LUTHOR! I CAN'T WAIT TILL AFTER 12 O'CLOCK TOMORROW! LET'S JUST HOPE SUPERBOY DOESN'T CATCH WISE BEFORE THEN!
DON'T BE SILLY! HE SUSPECTS NOTHING! HE MUST BE UNEARTHING THE LEAD-ENCASED ZONE PROJECTOR RIGHT NOW! OVER AND OUT!

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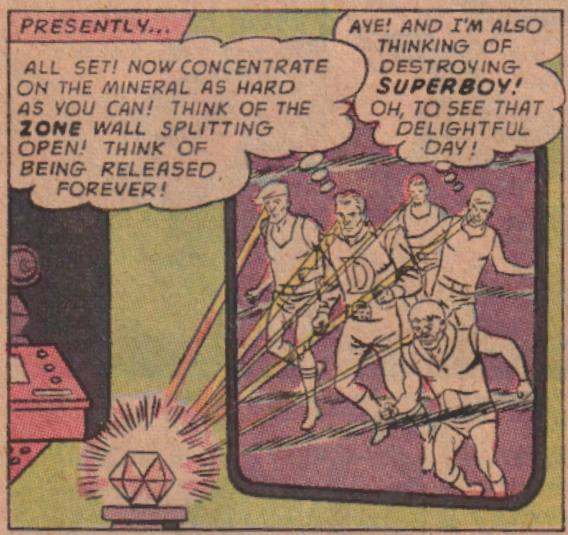
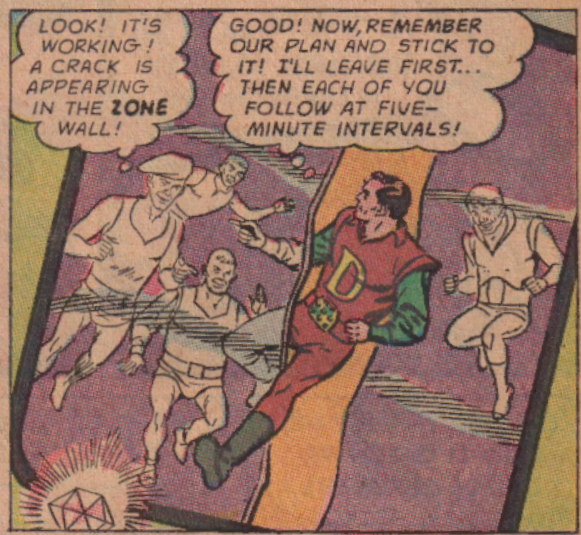
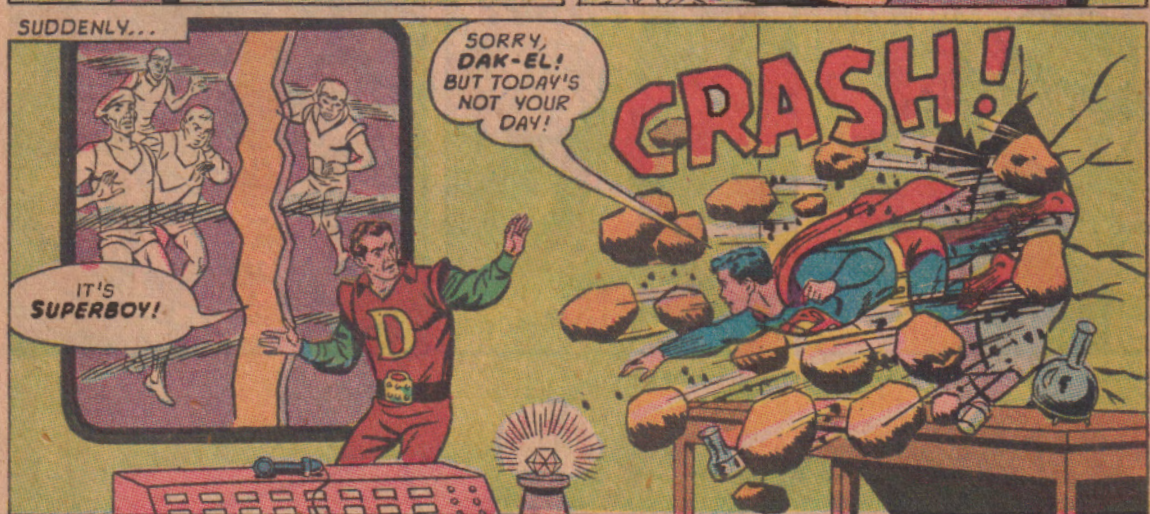
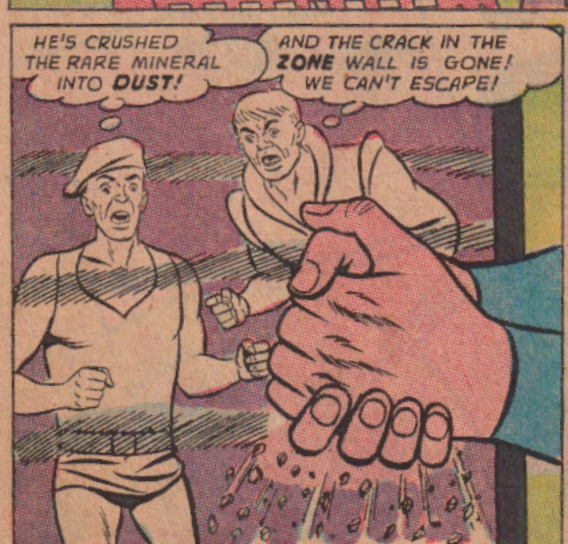

PRESENTLY...
ALL SET! NOW CONCENTRATE ON THE MINERAL AS HARD AS YOU CAN! THINK OF THE ZONE WALL SPLITTING OPEN! THINK OF BEING RELEASED FOREVER!
AYE! AND I'M ALSO THINKING OF DESTROYING SUPERBOY! OH, TO SEE THAT DELIGHTFUL DAY!


LOOK! IT'S WORKING! A CRACK IS APPEARING IN THE ZONE WALL!
GOOD! NOW, REMEMBER OUR PLAN AND STICK TO IT! I'LL LEAVE FIRST... THEN EACH OF YOU FOLLOW AT FIVE-MINUTE INTERVALS!


SUDDENLY...
IT'S SUPERBOY!
SORRY, DAK-EL! BUT TODAY'S NOT YOUR DAY!
CRASH!


HE'S CRUSHED THE RARE MINERAL INTO DUST!
AND THE CRACK IN THE ZONE WALL IS GONE! WE CAN'T ESCAPE!

YOU CAN FORGET ABOUT THAT REUNION WITH YOUR KRYPTONIAN CRONIES, DAK-EL ... ALIAS LUTHOR! THE PHANTOM ZONE IS SEALED UP AGAIN!
¡GASP!¡ YOU KNOW MY REAL IDENTITY! BUT HOW? WHERE DID I SLIP UP?

SECONDS LATER, IN SMALLVILLE...

I SUSPECTED YOU OF BEING A PHONEY WHEN YOU FIRST APPEARED ON THE SCIENTISTS' SHIP! YOU SAID YOU CAME FROM **KRYPTON!** BUT THE **INITIAL** ON YOUR COSTUME ISN'T IN **KRYPTONESE** SCRIPT! THE LETTER "**D**" FOR **DAK-EL** IS PART OF THE **ENGLISH** ALPHABET!

"BEING SUSPICIOUS, I TRAILED YOU TO YOUR LAB, **LUTHOR**, AND WATCHED YOU GLOATINGLY INFORM THE **PHANTOM ZONE** VILLAINS THAT YOUR PLANS HAD SUCCEEDED!"

I WON'T STOP **LUTHOR** NOW! I'LL LET HIM THINK HE'S FOOLED ME, TO TEACH HIM A LESSON! HE MUST BE PUNISHED FOR THIS PLOT! RELEASING THOSE SUPER-CRIMINALS WOULD BE A CATASTROPHE TO THE WORLD!

BUT YOU CAN'T PUNISH ME FOR ANYTHING! I BROKE NO LAW!

OH, YES, YOU DID! SEE THE PIECES OF THAT CAR? IT WAS A PHONEY BREAKAWAY AUTO YOU PLANTED HERE TO IMPRESS EVERYBODY YOU HAD SUPER-STRENGTH... BUT A CHILD COULD PUSH IT APART WITH HIS PINKY! CHIEF PARKER! DOESN'T SMALLVILLE HAVE AN **ANTI-LITTERING** LAW?

IT SURE DOES! YOU'RE A LITTER-BUG, **LUTHOR!** FOR LITTERING THE STREET WITH METAL JUNK, YOU'LL GET 10 DAYS IN PRISON!

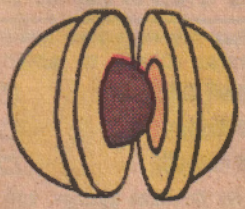
BAH! WHY DID **LUTHOR** USE THAT INITIAL "**D**" AND GIVE HIMSELF AWAY?

BECAUSE HE'S STUPID! "**D**" DOESN'T STAND FOR **DAK-EL...** BUT FOR **DUNCE!**

THE END

WHAT MAKES A TOOTSIE POP SO SPECIAL?

This is the Tootsie Roll center



6 Scrumptious Flavors. Get some!

It's the only Pop with chewy chewy Tootsie Roll inside!

SUPERBOY

The ADVENTURES of SUPERMAN WHEN HE WAS A BOY

R-RIPPP!

LOOK, MOM! I GAVE THE CLOSET DOOR A SLIGHT TUG, AND RIPPED IT RIGHT OFF ITS HINGES!

HEAVENS, CLARK! IF THIS KEEPS UP, YOU'LL WRECK THE HOUSE, BESIDES GIVING AWAY THE FACT THAT YOU'RE SUPERBOY!

CLARK KENT HAS ALWAYS BEEN SUPER-CAREFUL NOT TO USE HIS AMAZING POWERS IN SUCH A MANNER AS TO GIVE AWAY HIS SUPERBOY IDENTITY. BUT ONE DAY HE FINDS HIMSELF UNABLE TO CONTROL HIS INCREDIBLE ABILITIES. HOW CAN CLARK PROTECT HIS SECRET, WHEN EVERY TIME HE GOES INTO ACTION HE BECOMES...

The RUNAWAY SUPERBOY!

TO SMALLVILLE'S ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE ONE DAY GOES LANA LANG, BUYING WHAT APPEARS TO BE NOTHING MORE THAN A PRETTY RING...

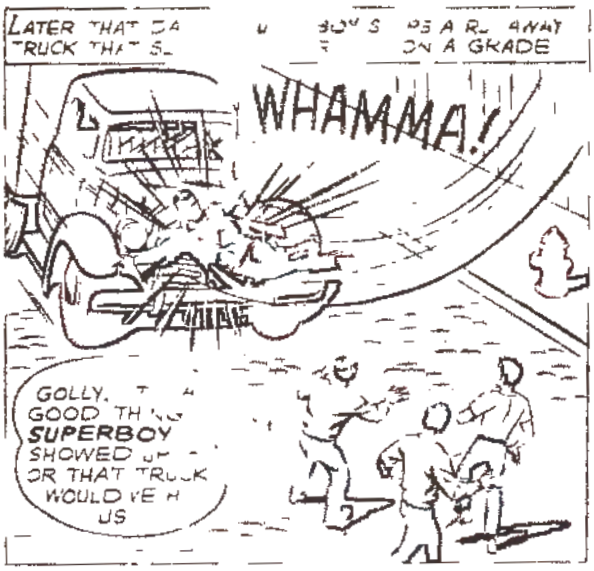
POSITIVELY BEAUTIFUL! I'LL TAKE IT!

THAT'LL BE THREE DOLLARS!

WHEN LANA RETURNS HOME, TO SHOW THE RING TO HER FATHER, PROF. LANG...

AMAZING, LANA! THIS RING YOU BOUGHT HAS A RED KRYPTONITE STONE! THIS IS THE ELEMENT THAT GIVES SUPERBOY SO MUCH TROUBLE!

AH! WHAT A LUCKY BREAK FOR ME! FOR JUST 3 DOLLARS, I CAN SOLVE THAT OLD, NAGGING PUZZLE...IS SUPERBOY ACTUALLY CLARK KENT? WE'LL SOON SEE!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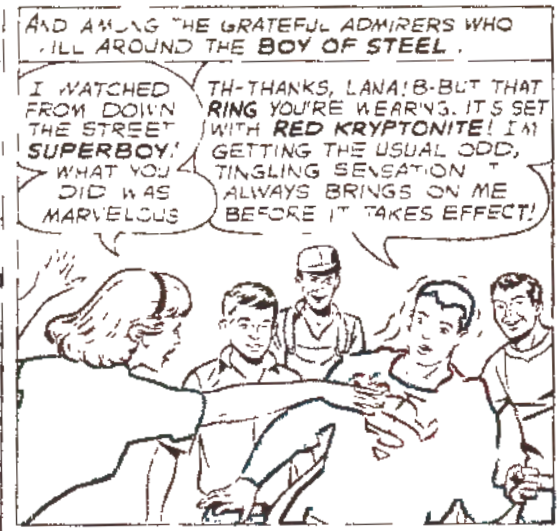
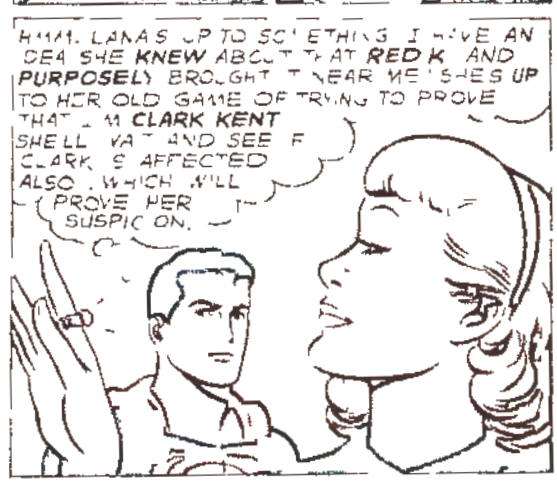
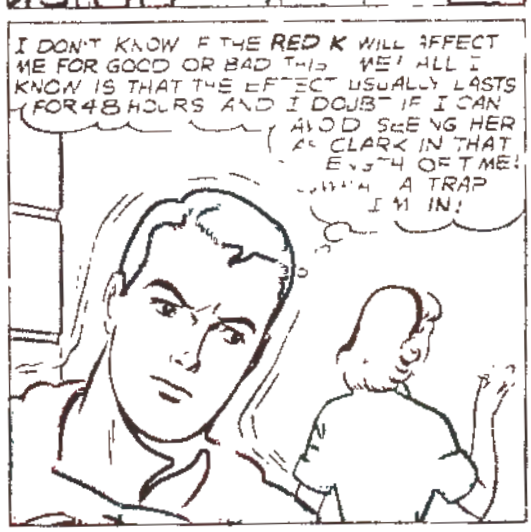
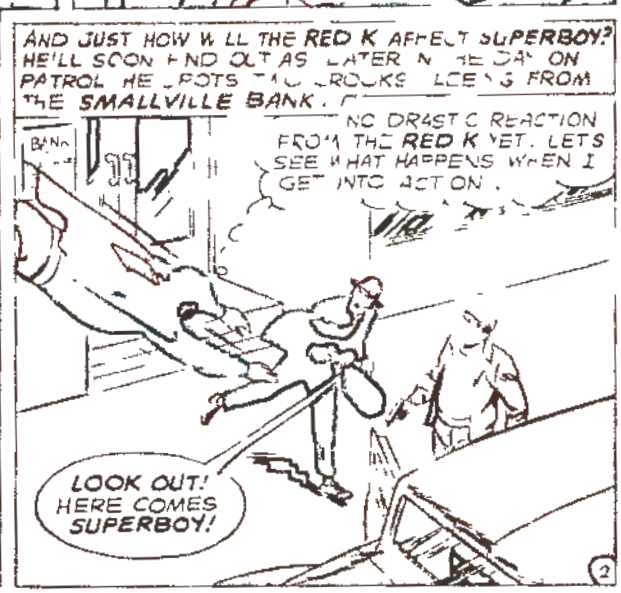
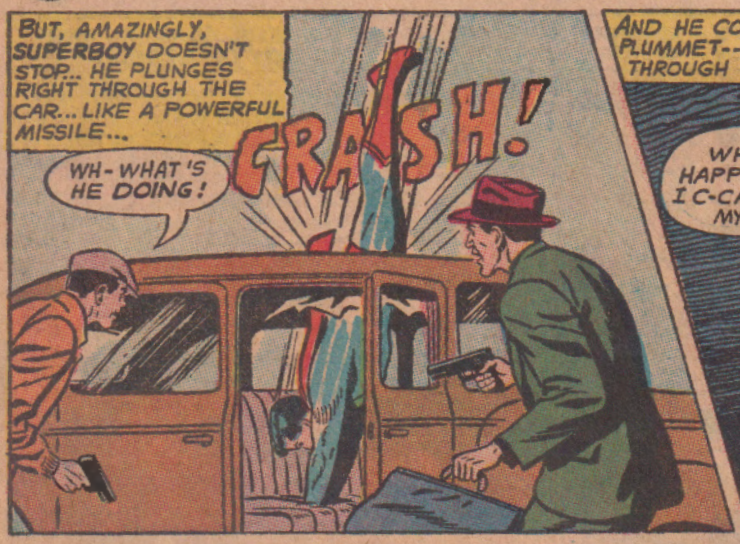

AND AMONG THE GRATEFUL ADMIRERS WHO
ILL AROUND THE BOY OF STEEL.
I WATCHED FROM DOWN THE STREET SUPERBOY! WHAT YOU DID WAS MARVELOUS
TH-THANKS, LANA! B-BUT THAT RING YOU'RE WEARING. IT'S SET WITH RED KRYPTONITE! I'M GETTING THE USUAL ODD, TINGLING SENSATION ALWAYS BRINGS ON ME BEFORE IT TAKES EFFECT!

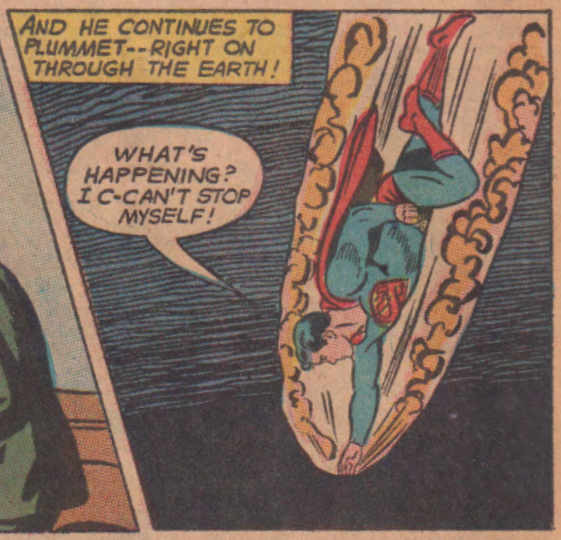
R-REALLY? I M--
UH--VERY SORR
SUPERBOY! I JUST
ER... HAPPENED TO
PICK UP THE RING AT
THE RUMMAGE
SALE!
PROBABLY
ACROSS THE RED K
AND SET IT IN THE
TOO LATE
RINGS NOW
I'VE ALREADY BEEN
EXPOSED
TO THE
RED K!


HMM. LANA'S UP TO SOMETHING. I HAVE AN
IDEA SHE KNEW ABOUT THAT RED K AND
PURPOSELY BROUGHT IT NEAR ME! SHE'S UP
TO HER OLD GAME OF TRYING TO PROVE
THAT I AM CLARK KENT
SHE'LL WAIT AND SEE IF
CLARK IS AFFECTED
ALSO. WHICH WILL
PROVE HER
SUSPICION.

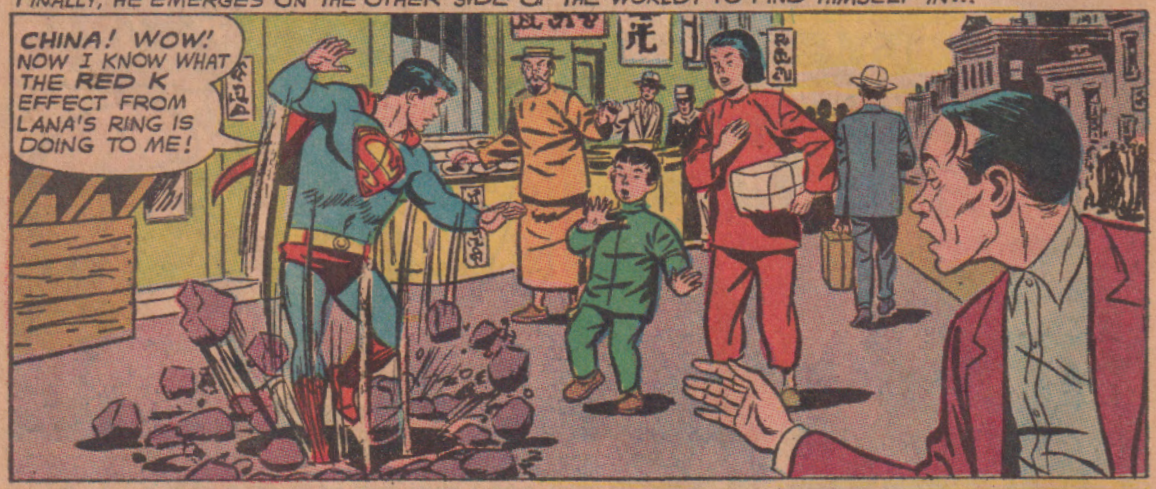

I DON'T KNOW IF THE RED K WILL AFFECT
ME FOR GOOD OR BAD THIS
KNOW IS THAT THE EFFECT USUALLY LASTS
FOR 48 HOURS AND I DOUBT IF I CAN
STAND SEEING HER
AS CLARK IN THAT
LENGTH OF TIME!
A TRAP
I'M IN!

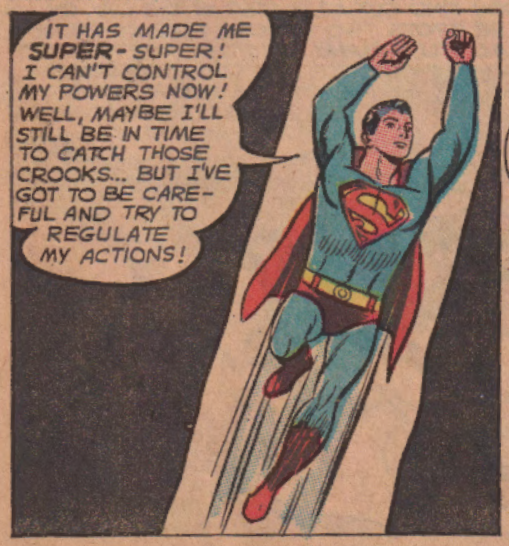

AND JUST HOW WILL THE RED K AFFECT SUPERBOY?
HE'LL SOON FIND OUT AS LATER ON THE DAY ON
PATROL HE SPOTS TWO CROOKS LEAVING FROM
THE SMALLVILLE BANK.
BANK
NO DRASTIC REACTION
FROM THE RED K YET. LETS
SEE WHAT HAPPENS WHEN I
GET INTO ACTION.
LOOK OUT!
HERE COMES
SUPERBOY!

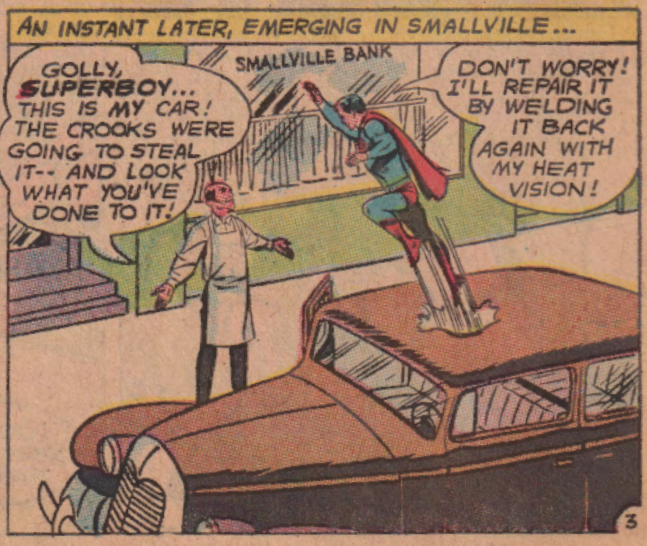


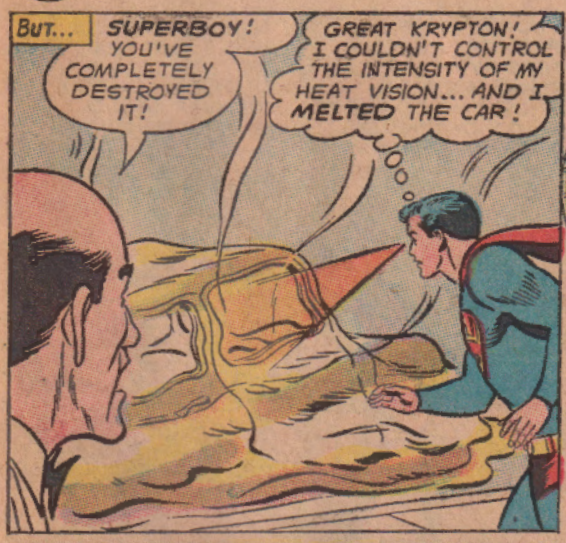


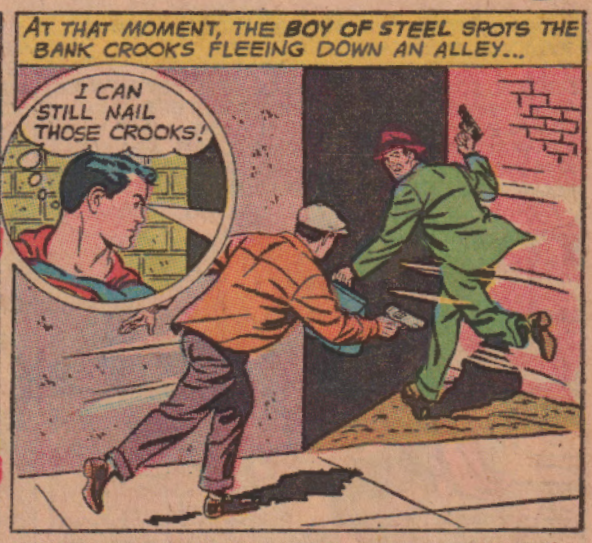
FINALLY, HE EMERGES ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE WORLD, TO FIND HIMSELF IN...

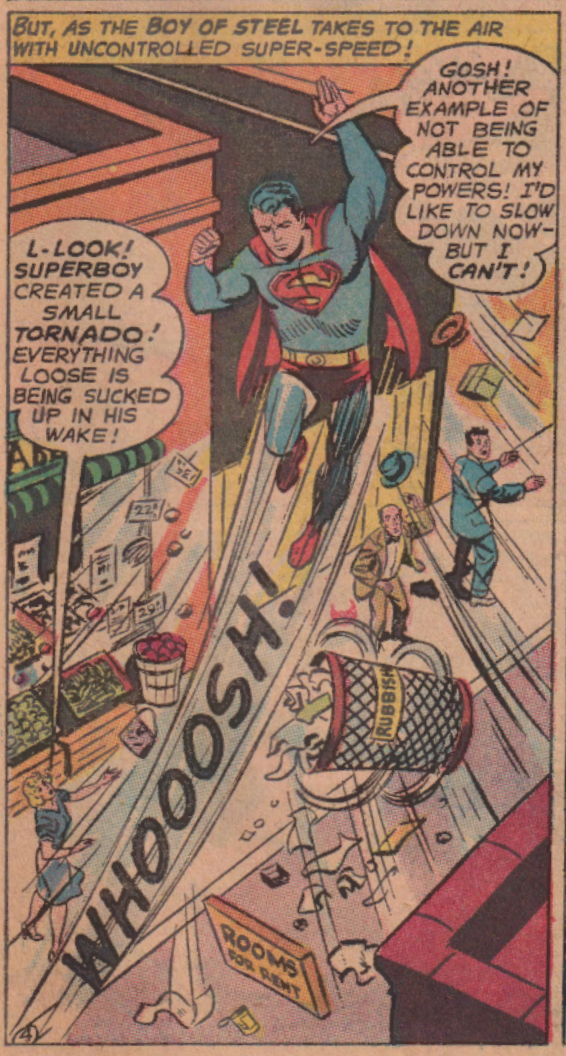


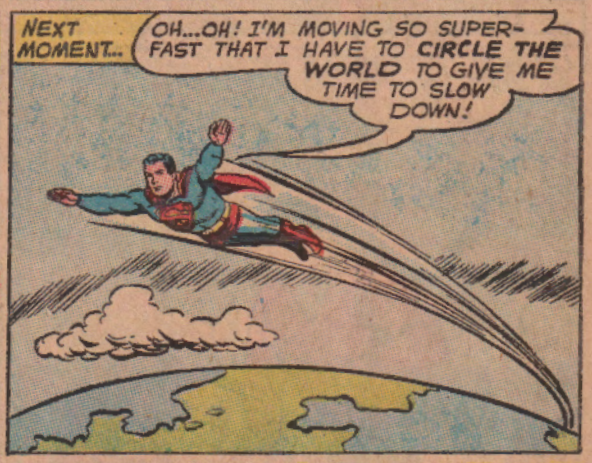


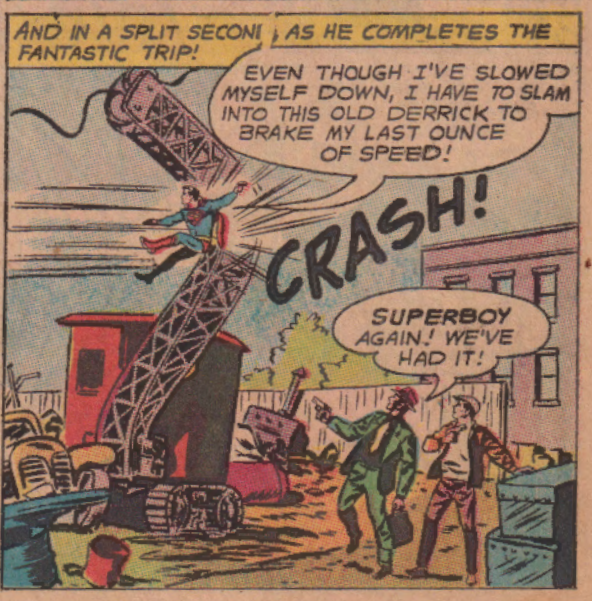


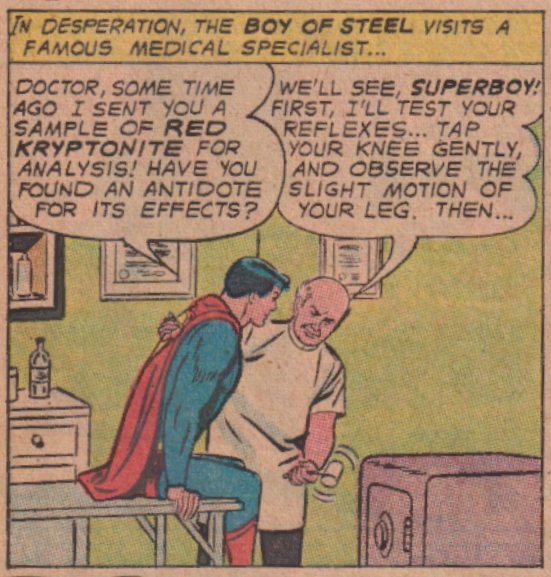

BUT...
SUPERBOY! YOU'VE COMPLETELY DESTROYED IT!
GREAT KRYPTON! I COULDN'T CONTROL THE INTENSITY OF MY HEAT VISION... AND I MELTED THE CAR!

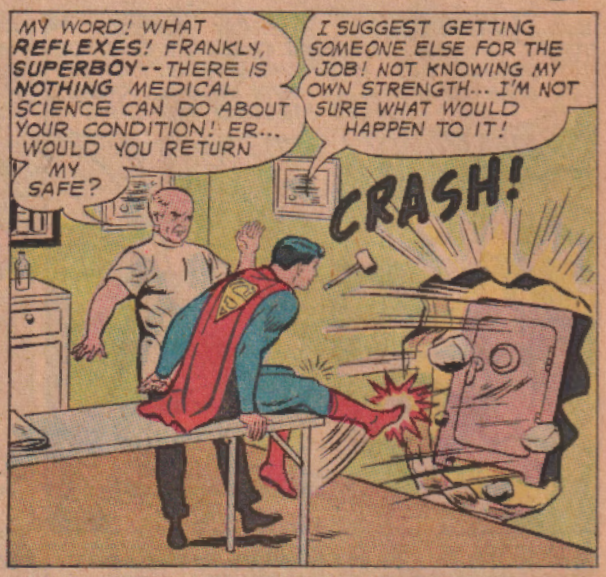

AT THAT MOMENT, THE BOY OF STEEL SPOTS THE BANK CROOKS FLEEING DOWN AN ALLEY...
I CAN STILL NAIL THOSE CROOKS!

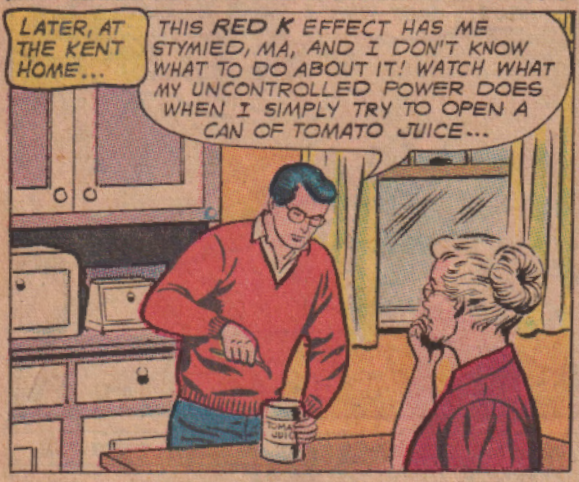

BUT, AS THE BOY OF STEEL TAKES TO THE AIR WITH UNCONTROLLED SUPER-SPEED!
GOSH! ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF NOT BEING ABLE TO CONTROL MY POWERS! I'D LIKE TO SLOW DOWN NOW- BUT I CAN'T!
L-LOOK! SUPERBOY CREATED A SMALL TORNADO! EVERYTHING LOOSE IS BEING SUCKED UP IN HIS WAKE!
WHOOOSH!
RUBBISH
ROOMS FOR RENT


NEXT MOMENT...
OH...OH! I'M MOVING SO SUPER-FAST THAT I HAVE TO CIRCLE THE WORLD TO GIVE ME TIME TO SLOW DOWN!

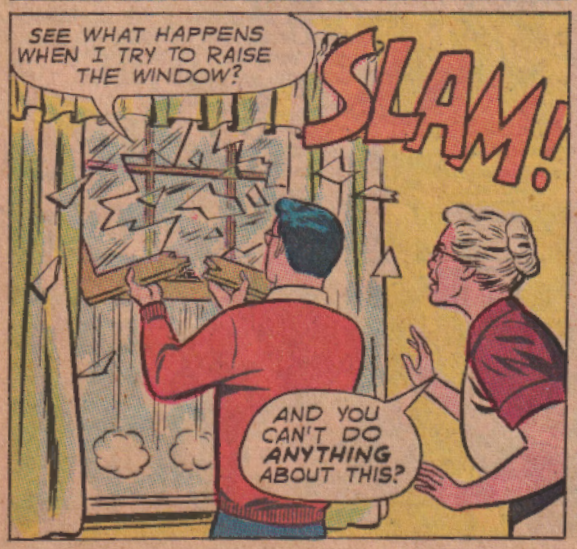

AND IN A SPLIT SECONI AS HE COMPLETES THE FANTASTIC TRIP!
EVEN THOUGH I'VE SLOWED MYSELF DOWN, I HAVE TO SLAM INTO THIS OLD DERRICK TO BRAKE MY LAST OUNCE OF SPEED!
CRASH!
SUPERBOY AGAIN! WE'VE HAD IT!

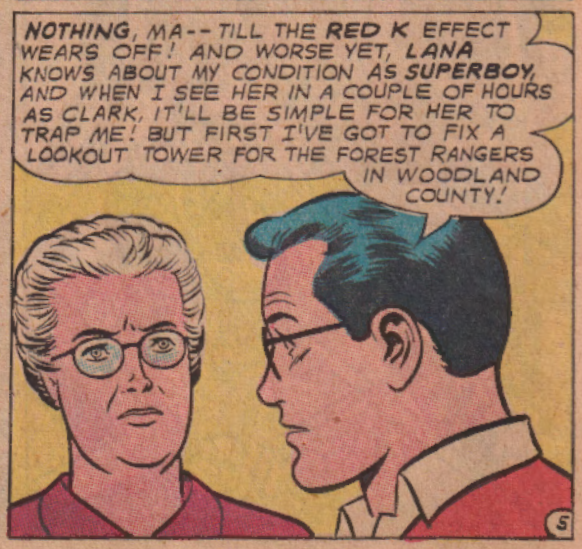

IN DESPERATION, THE BOY OF STEEL VISITS A FAMOUS MEDICAL SPECIALIST...
DOCTOR, SOME TIME AGO I SENT YOU A SAMPLE OF RED KRYPTONITE FOR ANALYSIS! HAVE YOU FOUND AN ANTIDOTE FOR ITS EFFECTS?
WE'LL SEE, SUPERBOY! FIRST, I'LL TEST YOUR REFLEXES... TAP YOUR KNEE GENTLY, AND OBSERVE THE SLIGHT MOTION OF YOUR LEG. THEN...

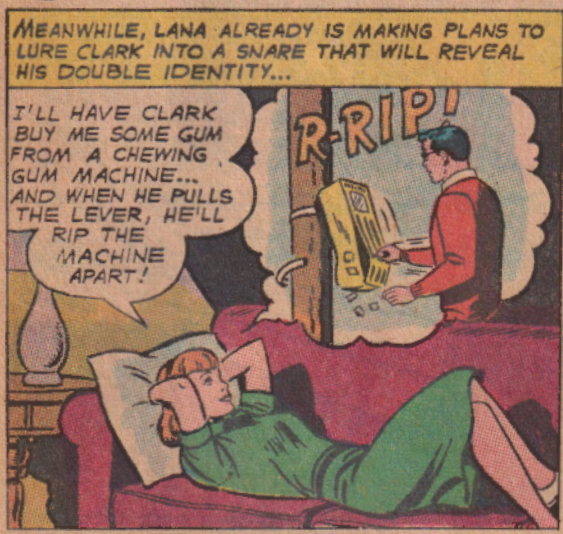

MY WORD! WHAT REFLEXES! FRANKLY, SUPERBOY--THERE IS NOTHING MEDICAL SCIENCE CAN DO ABOUT YOUR CONDITION! ER... WOULD YOU RETURN MY SAFE?
I SUGGEST GETTING SOMEONE ELSE FOR THE JOB! NOT KNOWING MY OWN STRENGTH... I'M NOT SURE WHAT WOULD HAPPEN TO IT!
CRASH!

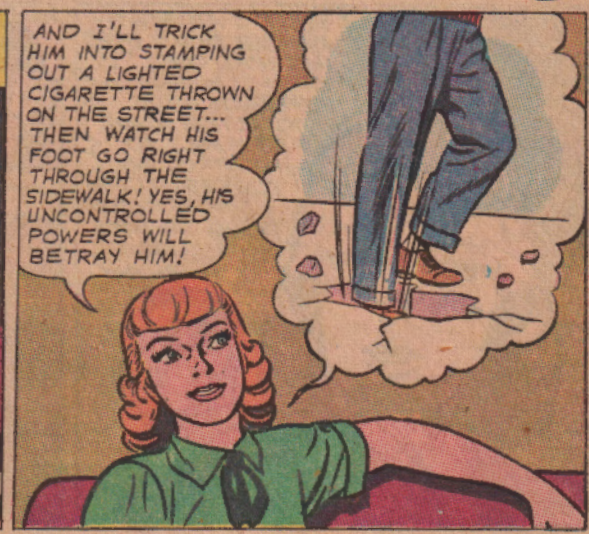

LATER, AT THE KENT HOME...
THIS RED K EFFECT HAS ME STYMIED, MA, AND I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO ABOUT IT! WATCH WHAT MY UNCONTROLLED POWER DOES WHEN I SIMPLY TRY TO OPEN A CAN OF TOMATO JUICE...

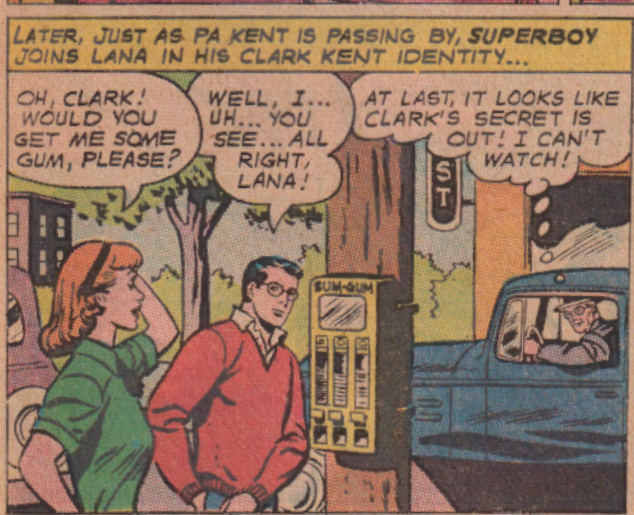
WHOOOSH!
GRACIOUS, CLARK!
WHAM!
SEE WHAT I MEAN?


SEE WHAT HAPPENS WHEN I TRY TO RAISE THE WINDOW?
SLAM!
AND YOU CAN'T DO ANYTHING ABOUT THIS?

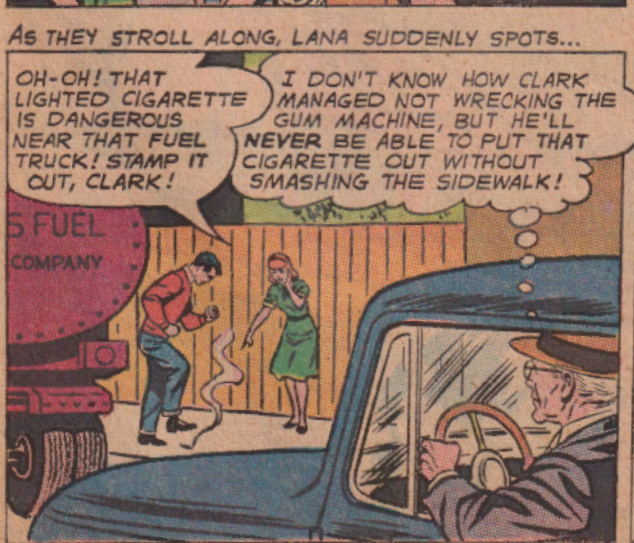

NOTHING, MA--TILL THE RED K EFFECT WEARS OFF! AND WORSE YET, LANA KNOWS ABOUT MY CONDITION AS SUPERBOY, AND WHEN I SEE HER IN A COUPLE OF HOURS AS CLARK, IT'LL BE SIMPLE FOR HER TO TRAP ME! BUT FIRST I'VE GOT TO FIX A LOOKOUT TOWER FOR THE FOREST RANGERS IN WOODLAND COUNTY!


MEANWHILE, LANA ALREADY IS MAKING PLANS TO LURE CLARK INTO A SNARE THAT WILL REVEAL HIS DOUBLE IDENTITY...
I'LL HAVE CLARK BUY ME SOME GUM FROM A CHEWING GUM MACHINE... AND WHEN HE PULLS THE LEVER, HE'LL RIP THE MACHINE APART!
R-RIP!


AND I'LL TRICK HIM INTO STAMPING OUT A LIGHTED CIGARETTE THROWN ON THE STREET... THEN WATCH HIS FOOT GO RIGHT THROUGH THE SIDEWALK! YES, HIS UNCONTROLLED POWERS WILL BETRAY HIM!

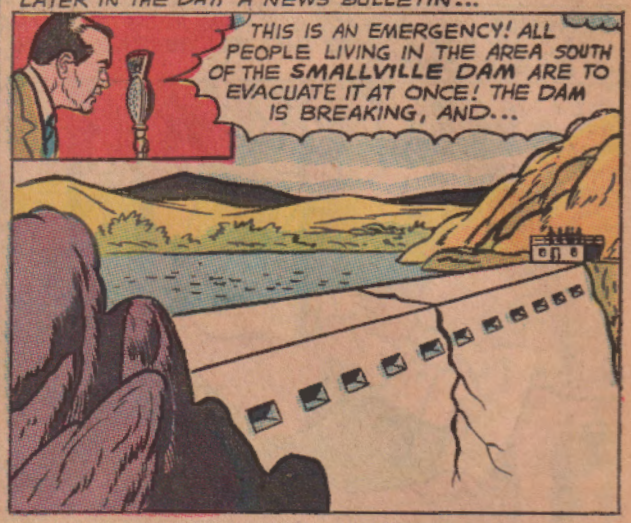

LATER, JUST AS PA KENT IS PASSING BY, SUPERBOY JOINS LANA IN HIS CLARK KENT IDENTITY...
OH, CLARK! WOULD YOU GET ME SOME GUM, PLEASE?
WELL, I... UH... YOU SEE... ALL RIGHT, LANA!
AT LAST, IT LOOKS LIKE CLARK'S SECRET IS OUT! I CAN'T WATCH!
SUM-GUM
ST

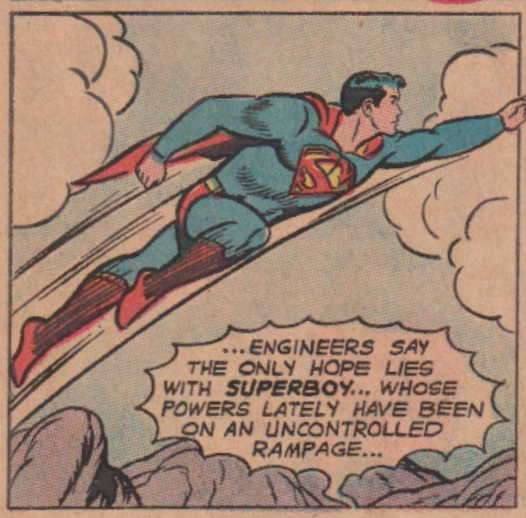
HERE, LANA!
THANKS, CLARK...
WHAT WENT WRONG? WHAT HAPPENED? WELL, I'LL GET HIM NEXT TIME!
SUM-GUM

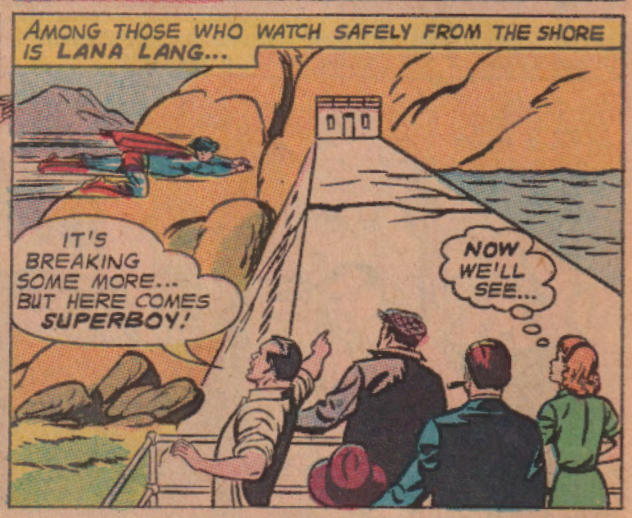

AS THEY STROLL ALONG, LANA SUDDENLY SPOTS...
OH-OH! THAT LIGHTED CIGARETTE IS DANGEROUS NEAR THAT FUEL TRUCK! STAMP IT OUT, CLARK!
I DON'T KNOW HOW CLARK MANAGED NOT WRECKING THE GUM MACHINE, BUT HE'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO PUT THAT CIGARETTE OUT WITHOUT SMASHING THE SIDEWALK!
S FUEL
COMPANY

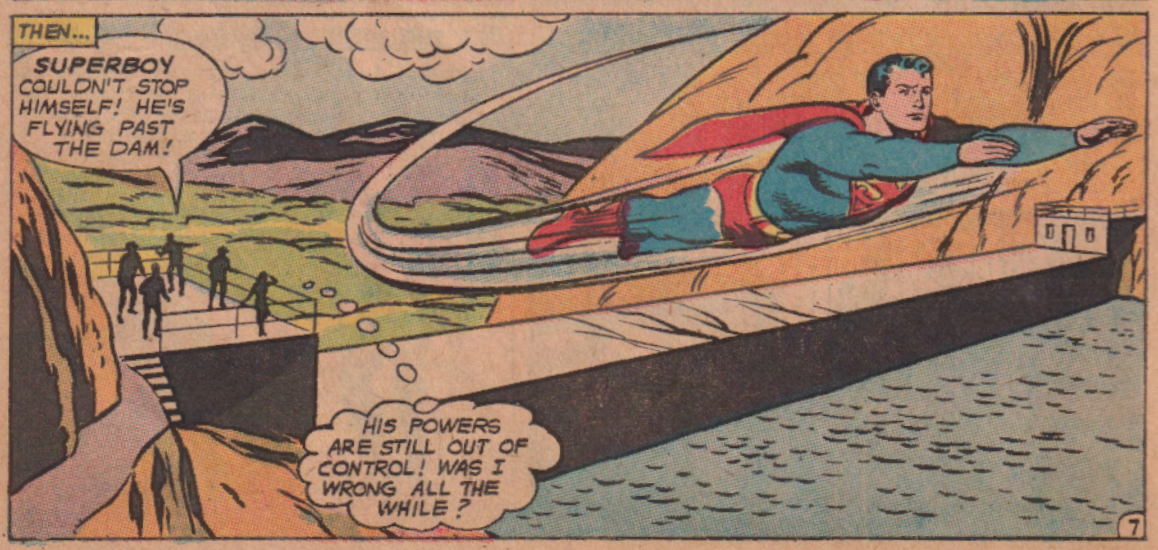
BUT, THE NEXT MOMENT...
THERE -- THAT SHOULD DO IT!
AMAZING -- HIS FOOT DIDN'T GO THROUGH THE SIDEWALK! IS HE WORKING SOME KIND OF TRICK? HARDLY, SINCE SUPERBOY CAN'T CONTROL HIS POWERS! HMM... I'VE GOT THE ANSWER -- THE RED K EFFECT MUST HAVE WORN OFF!

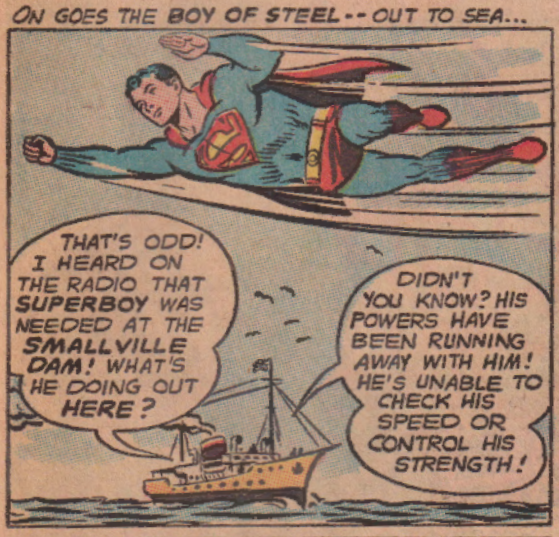
YES, IF I AM RIGHT-- AND THE RED K EFFECT HAS WORN OFF... I'LL KNOW IT WHEN SUPERBOY GETS INTO ACTION AGAIN! IF HE IS ABLE TO CONTROL HIS POWERS, IT'LL BE A TIP-OFF HE WAS DOING THE SAME AS CLARK!

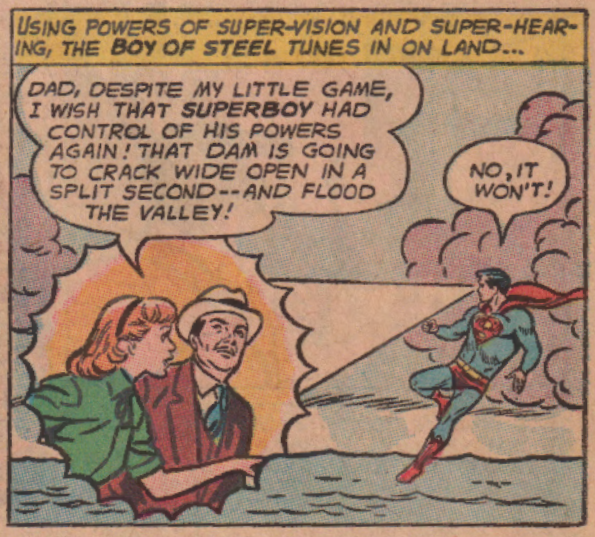

LATER IN THE DAY, A NEWS BULLETIN...
THIS IS AN EMERGENCY! ALL PEOPLE LIVING IN THE AREA SOUTH OF THE SMALLVILLE DAM ARE TO EVACUATE IT AT ONCE! THE DAM IS BREAKING, AND...

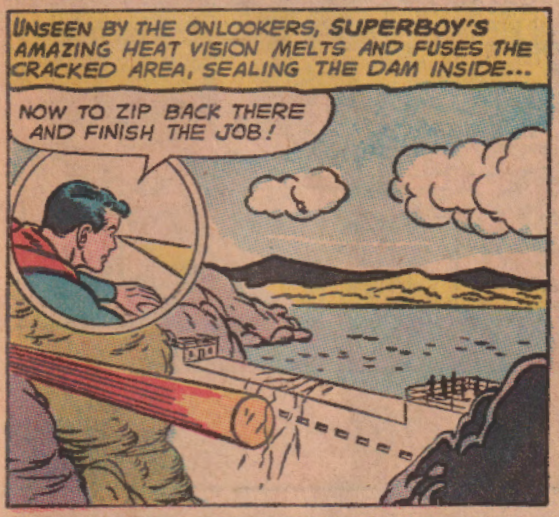

...ENGINEERS SAY THE ONLY HOPE LIES WITH SUPERBOY... WHOSE POWERS LATELY HAVE BEEN ON AN UNCONTROLLED RAMPAGE...

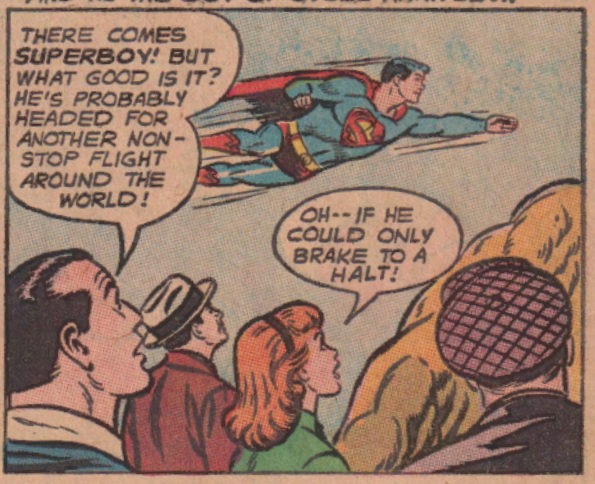

AMONG THOSE WHO WATCH SAFELY FROM THE SHORE IS LANA LANG...
IT'S BREAKING SOME MORE... BUT HERE COMES SUPERBOY!
NOW WE'LL SEE...

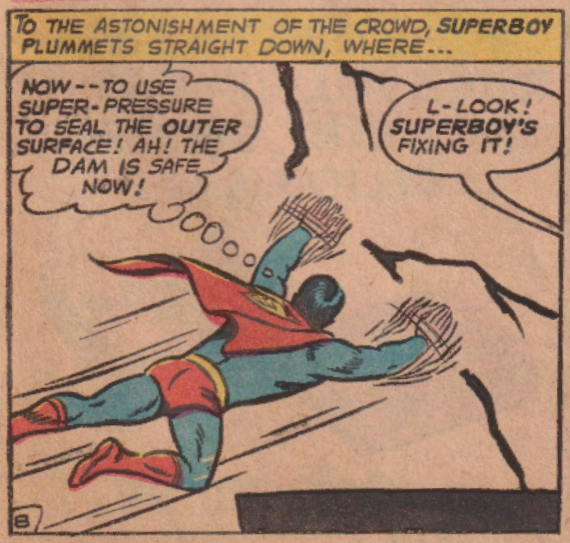

THEN...
SUPERBOY COULDN'T STOP HIMSELF! HE'S FLYING PAST THE DAM!
HIS POWERS ARE STILL OUT OF CONTROL! WAS I WRONG ALL THE WHILE?

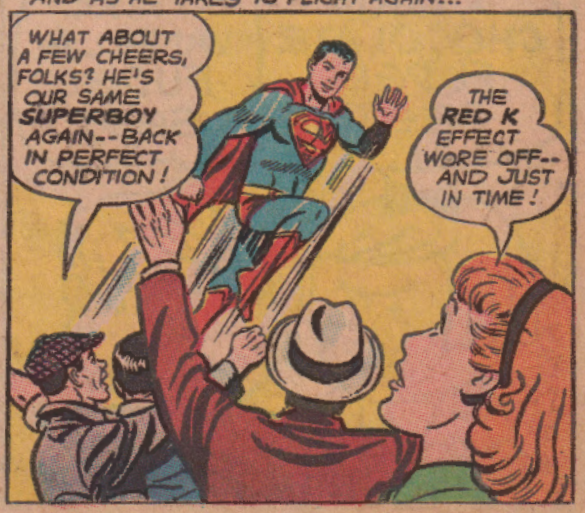

ON GOES THE BOY OF STEEL -- OUT TO SEA...
THAT'S ODD! I HEARD ON THE RADIO THAT SUPERBOY WAS NEEDED AT THE SMALLVILLE DAM! WHAT'S HE DOING OUT HERE?
DIDN'T YOU KNOW? HIS POWERS HAVE BEEN RUNNING AWAY WITH HIM! HE'S UNABLE TO CHECK HIS SPEED OR CONTROL HIS STRENGTH!


USING POWERS OF SUPER-VISION AND SUPER-HEARING, THE BOY OF STEEL TUNES IN ON LAND...
DAD, DESPITE MY LITTLE GAME, I WISH THAT SUPERBOY HAD CONTROL OF HIS POWERS AGAIN! THAT DAM IS GOING TO CRACK WIDE OPEN IN A SPLIT SECOND -- AND FLOOD THE VALLEY!
NO, IT WON'T!


UNSEEN BY THE ONLOOKERS, SUPERBOY'S AMAZING HEAT VISION MELTS AND FUSES THE CRACKED AREA, SEALING THE DAM INSIDE...
NOW TO ZIP BACK THERE AND FINISH THE JOB!


AND AS THE BOY OF STEEL ARRIVES...
THERE COMES SUPERBOY! BUT WHAT GOOD IS IT? HE'S PROBABLY HEADED FOR ANOTHER NON-STOP FLIGHT AROUND THE WORLD!
OH -- IF HE COULD ONLY BRAKE TO A HALT!


TO THE ASTONISHMENT OF THE CROWD, SUPERBOY PLUMMETS STRAIGHT DOWN, WHERE...
NOW -- TO USE SUPER-PRESSURE TO SEAL THE OUTER SURFACE! AH! THE DAM IS SAFE NOW!
L-LOOK! SUPERBOY'S FIXING IT!


AND AS HE TAKES TO FLIGHT AGAIN...
WHAT ABOUT A FEW CHEERS, FOLKS? HE'S OUR SAME SUPERBOY AGAIN -- BACK IN PERFECT CONDITION!
THE RED K EFFECT WORE OFF -- AND JUST IN TIME!